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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



FACING
THE FURY
OF
KODOS

THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



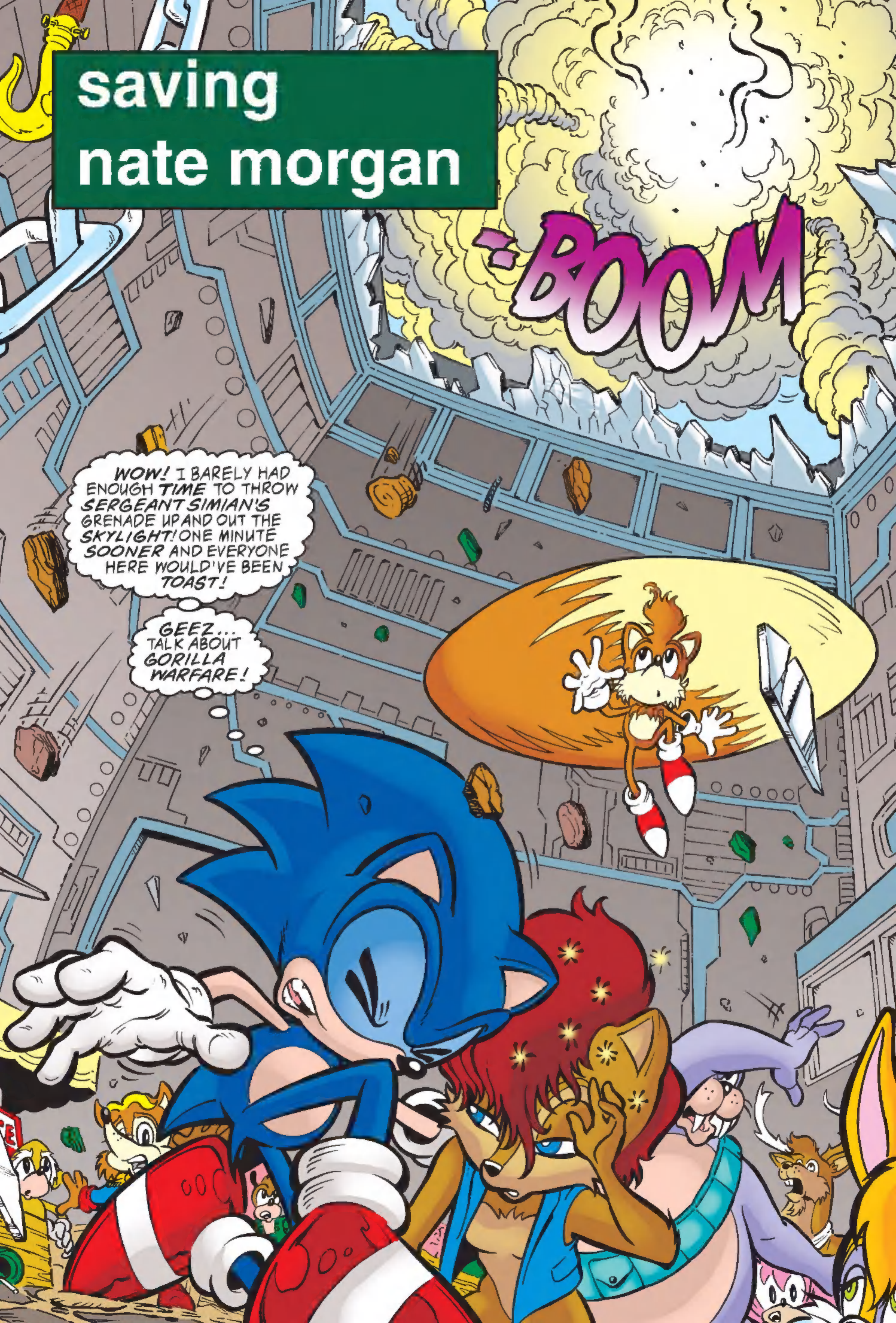
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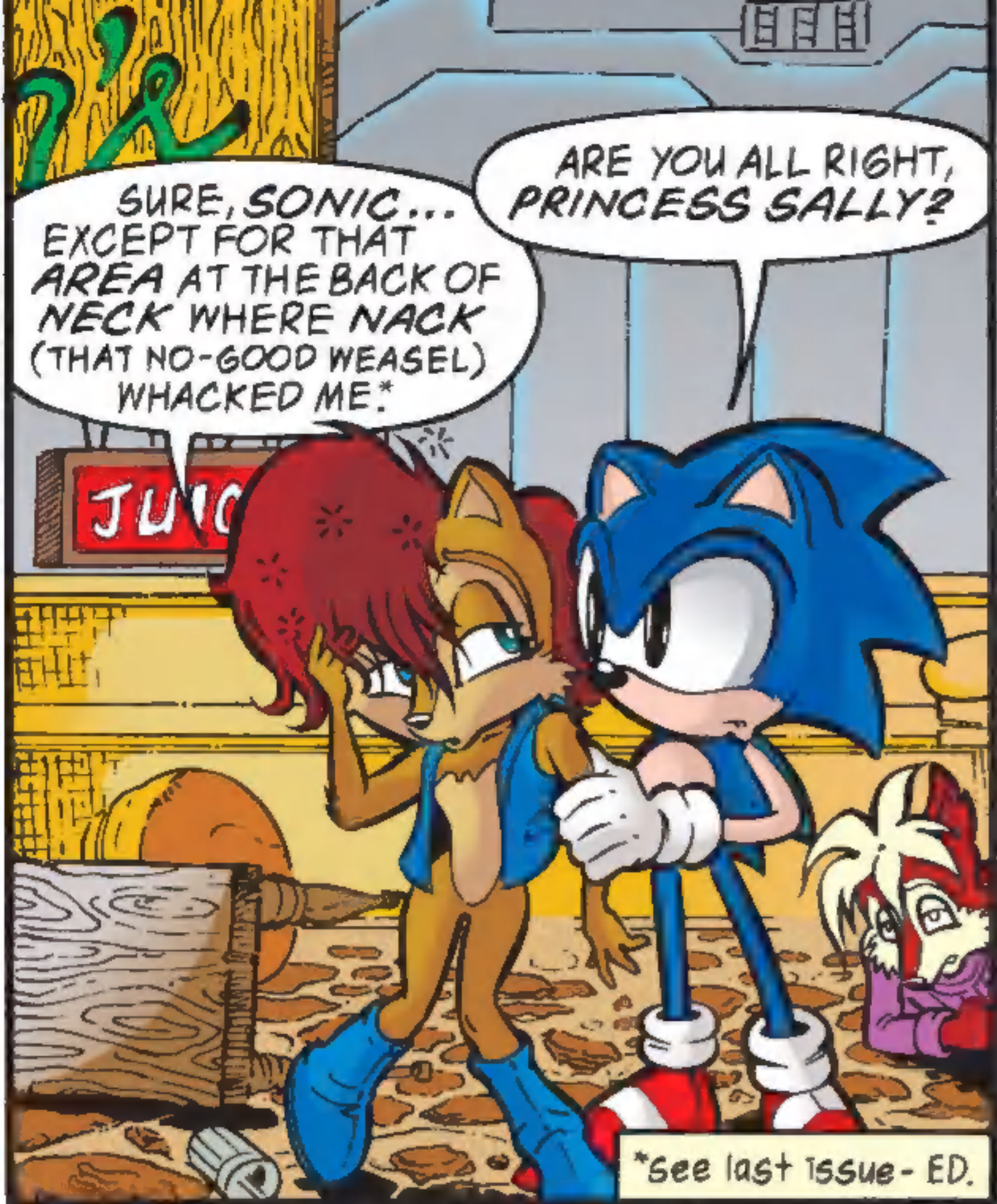
saving
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BOOM

WOW! I BARELY HAD
ENOUGH TIME TO THROW
SERGEANT SIMIAN'S
GRENADE UP AND OUT THE
SKYLIGHT! ONE MINUTE
SOONER AND EVERYONE
HERE WOULD'VE BEEN
TOAST!

GEEZ...
TALK ABOUT
GORILLA
WARFARE!

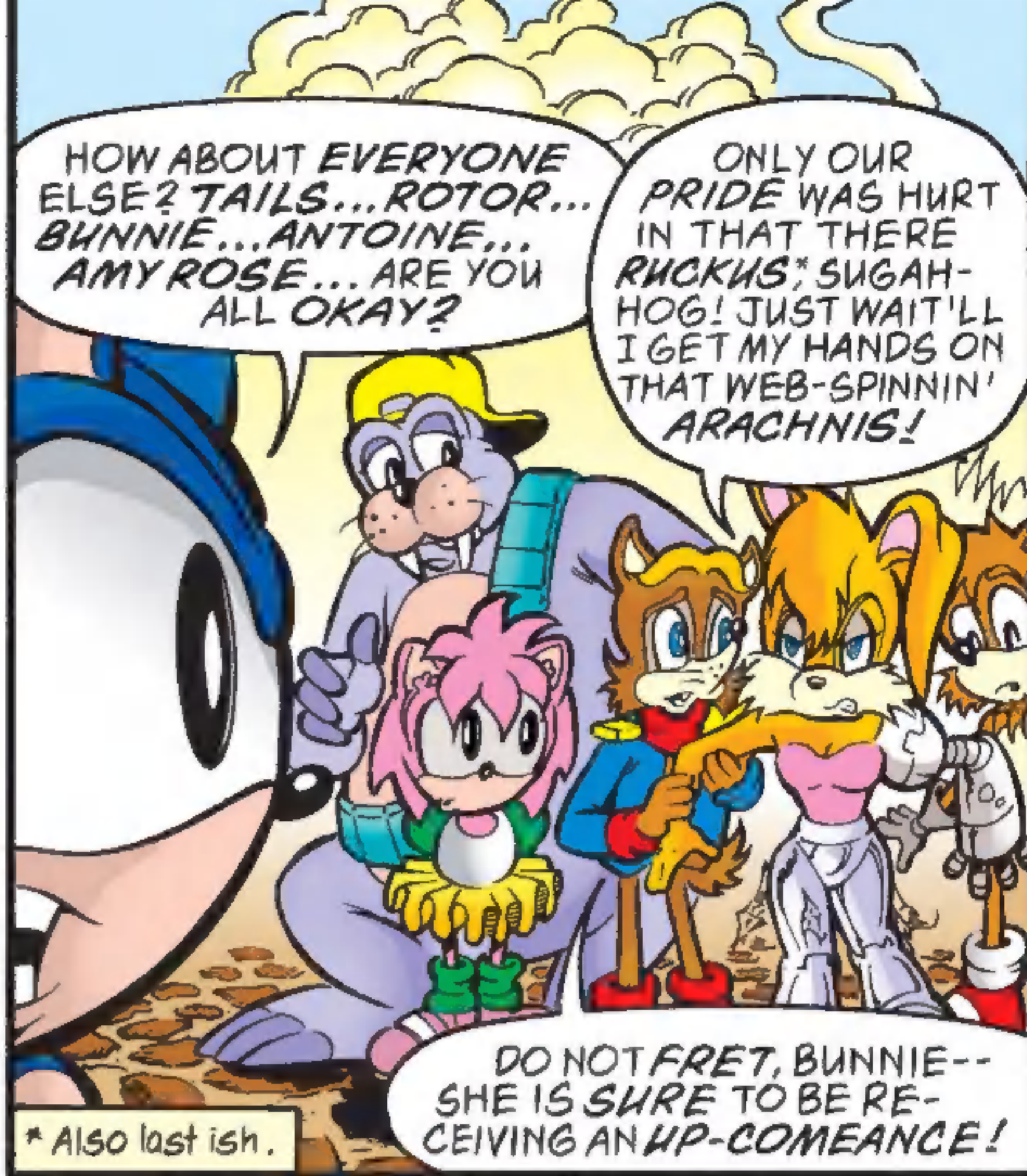




SURE, SONIC... EXCEPT FOR THAT AREA AT THE BACK OF NECK WHERE NACK (THAT NO-GOOD WEASEL) WHACKED ME.*

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PRINCESS SALLY?

*See last Issue - ED.



HOW ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE? TAILS... ROTOR... BUNNIE... ANTOINE... AMY ROSE... ARE YOU ALL OKAY?

ONLY OUR PRIDE WAS HURT IN THAT THERE RUCKUS! SUGAR-HOG! JUST WAIT I'LL GET MY HANDS ON THAT WEB-SPINNIN' ARACHNIS!

DO NOT FRET, BUNNIE-- SHE IS SURE TO BE RECEIVING AN UP-COMEANCE!

*Also last ish.



THOSE CRIMINALS ARE GONNA GET WHAT'S COMIN' TO 'EM--NO WAY IS ANYBODY GONNA JUST WALTZ IN HERE AND KIDNAP A FRIEND O' MINE!

THERE'S NO TELLIN' WHAT THOSE NO-GOOD-NIKS'LL DO TO POOR NATE IF THEY--



WHO CARES WHAT THEY DO TO HIM?! JUST LOOK AT THIS PLACE--MY HUSBAND AND I PUT OUR SWEAT AND TEARS INTO THIS JUICE BAR--

--AND NOW LOOK! IT'S COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED!



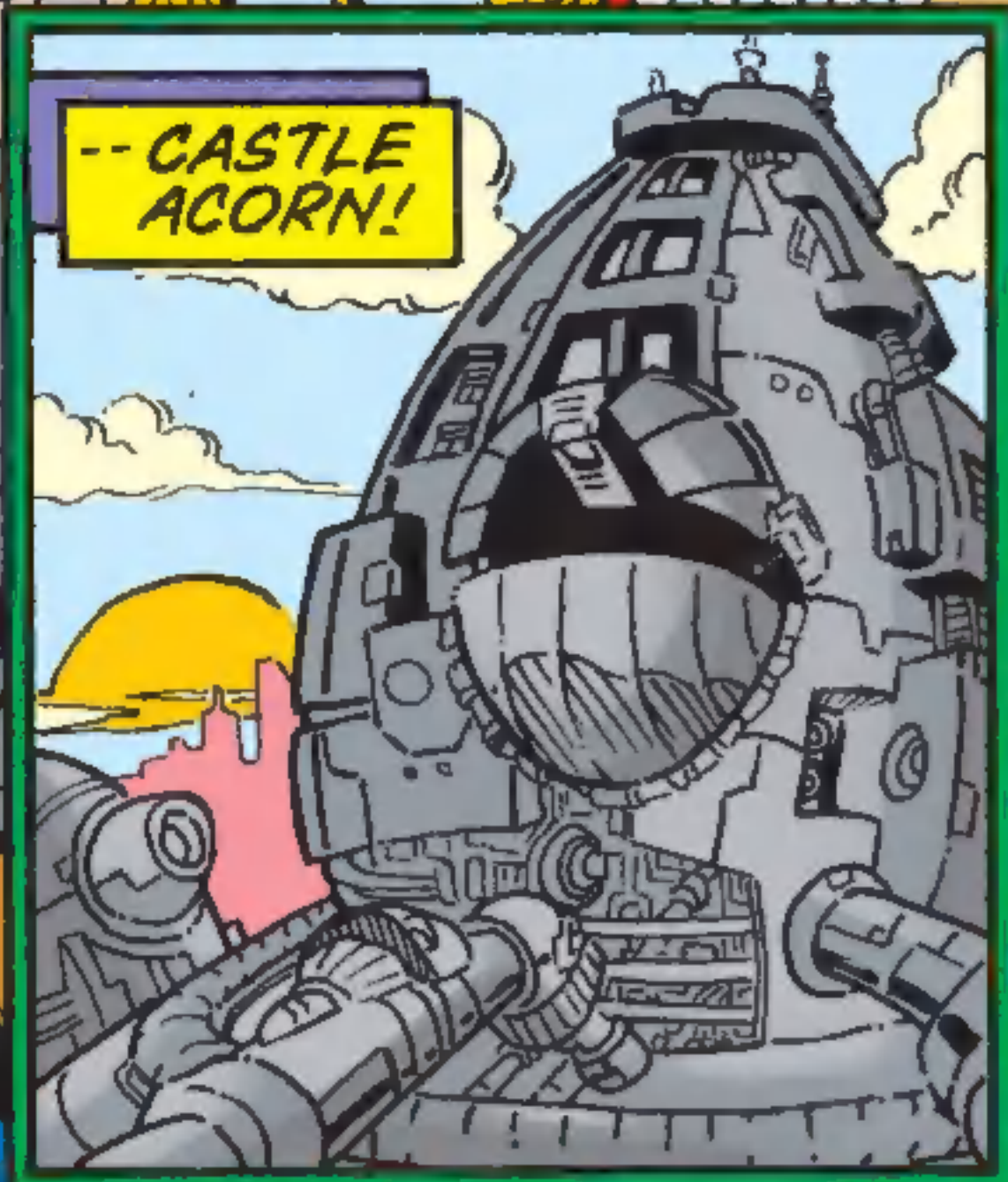
BUT IT WASN'T NATE'S FAULT! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? HIS SCIENTIFIC SKILLS MAKE HIM A TOP SECRET INGREDIENT OR SOMETHIN'--EVERYBODY WANTS TO GET A HOLD OF HIM!

TELL IT TO THE SECRET SERVICE!

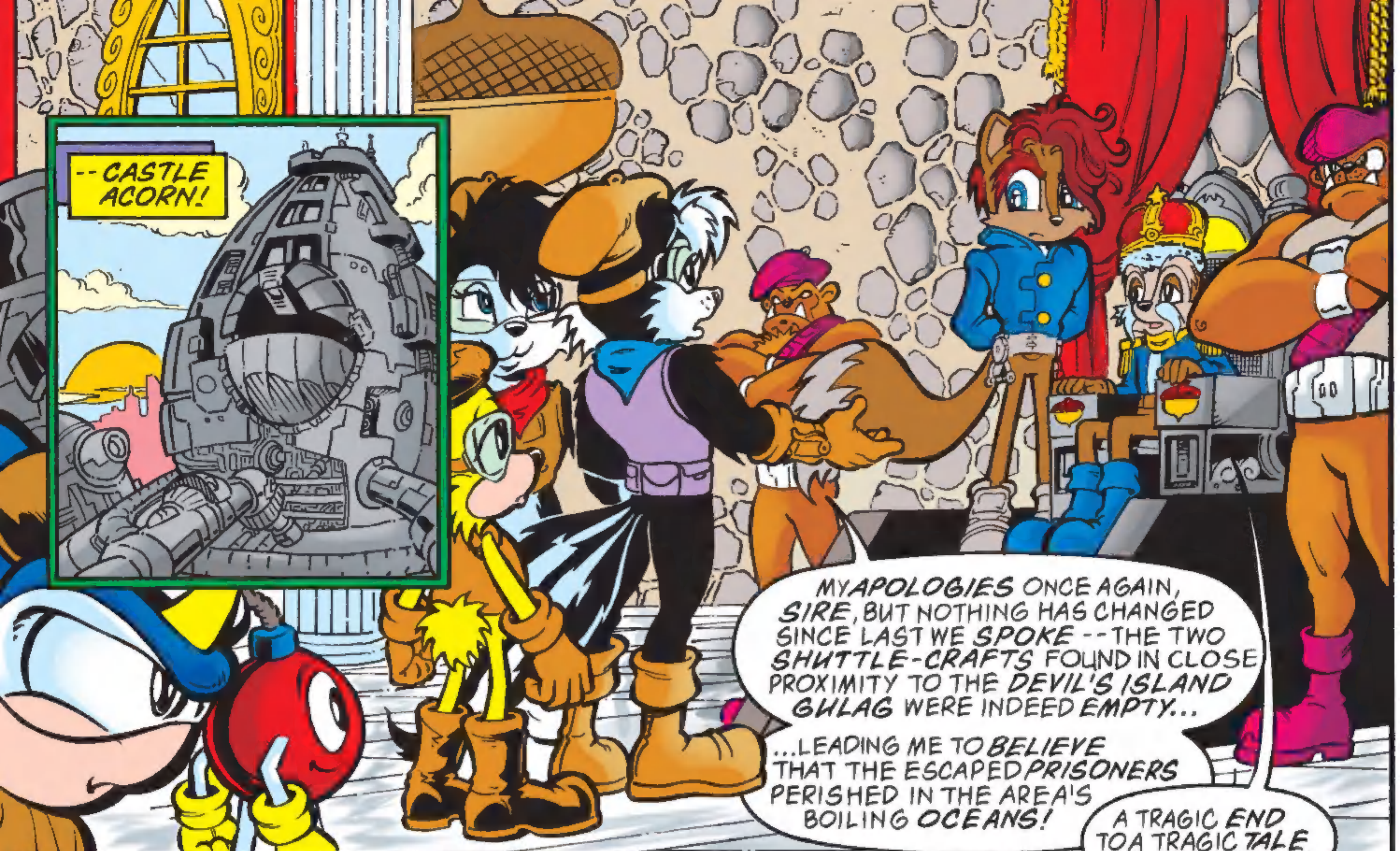


WE'LL HAVE TO DO ONE BETTER THAN THAT AND TELL YOUR DAD, SALLY!

YOU SAID IT, SONIC! NEXT STOP--



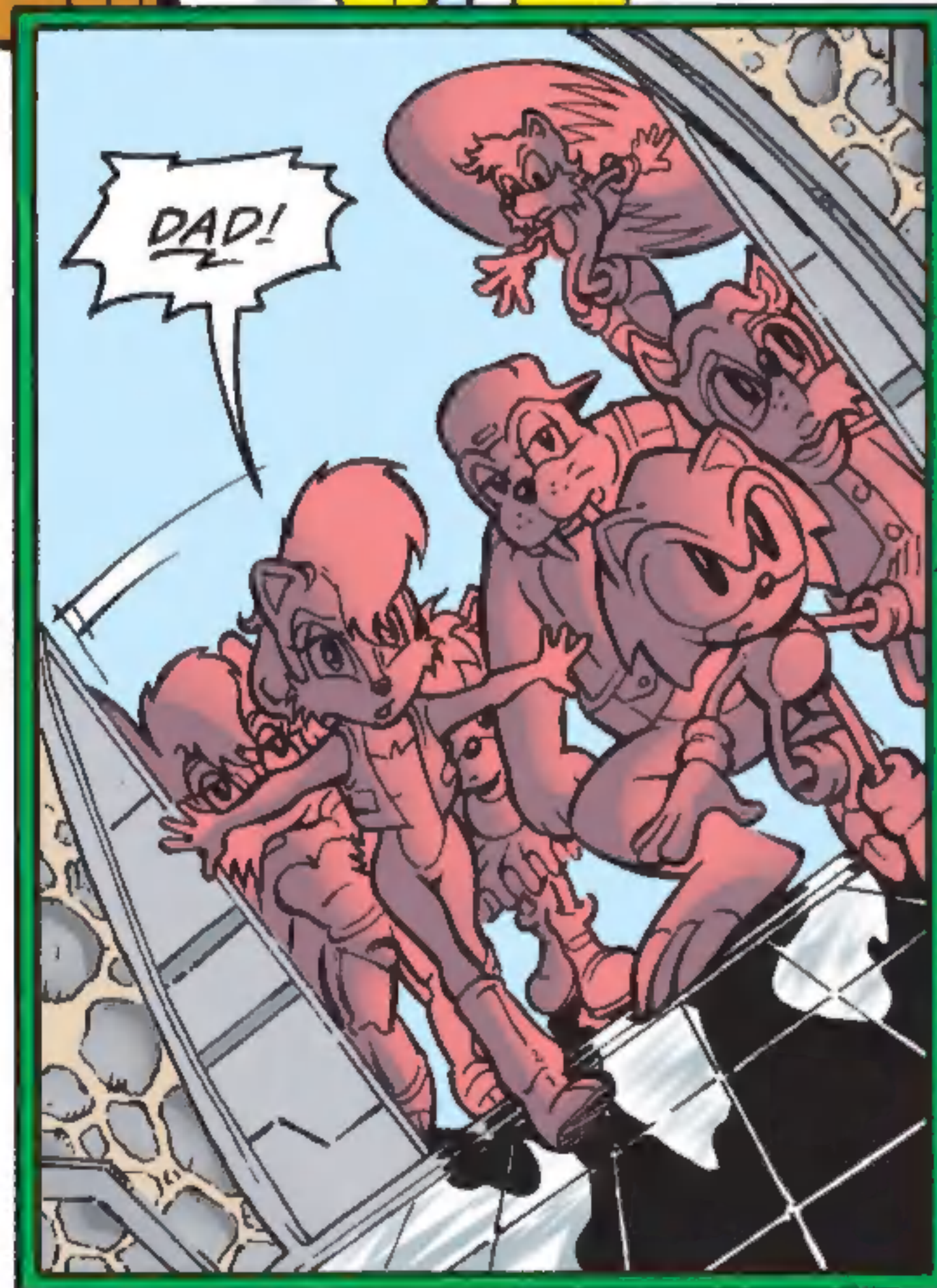
-- CASTLE ACORN!



MY APOLOGIES ONCE AGAIN, SIRE, BUT NOTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST WE SPOKE -- THE TWO SHUTTLE-CRAFTS FOUND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG WERE INDEED EMPTY...

...LEADING ME TO BELIEVE THAT THE ESCAPED PRISONERS PERISHED IN THE AREA'S BOILING OCEANS!

A TRAGIC END TO A TRAGIC TALE, GEOFFREY...



DAD!



SALLY--WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S NATE--HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!

K-KIDNAPPED? BY WHOM?

SNIVELY.

HE, ALONG WITH KODOS, PREDATOR HAWK, DRAGO, LIGHTNING LYNX, FLYING FROG AND JUST ABOUT ANYBODY WHO SHARED A CELL AT THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG GOT US ALL PRETTY GOOD.*

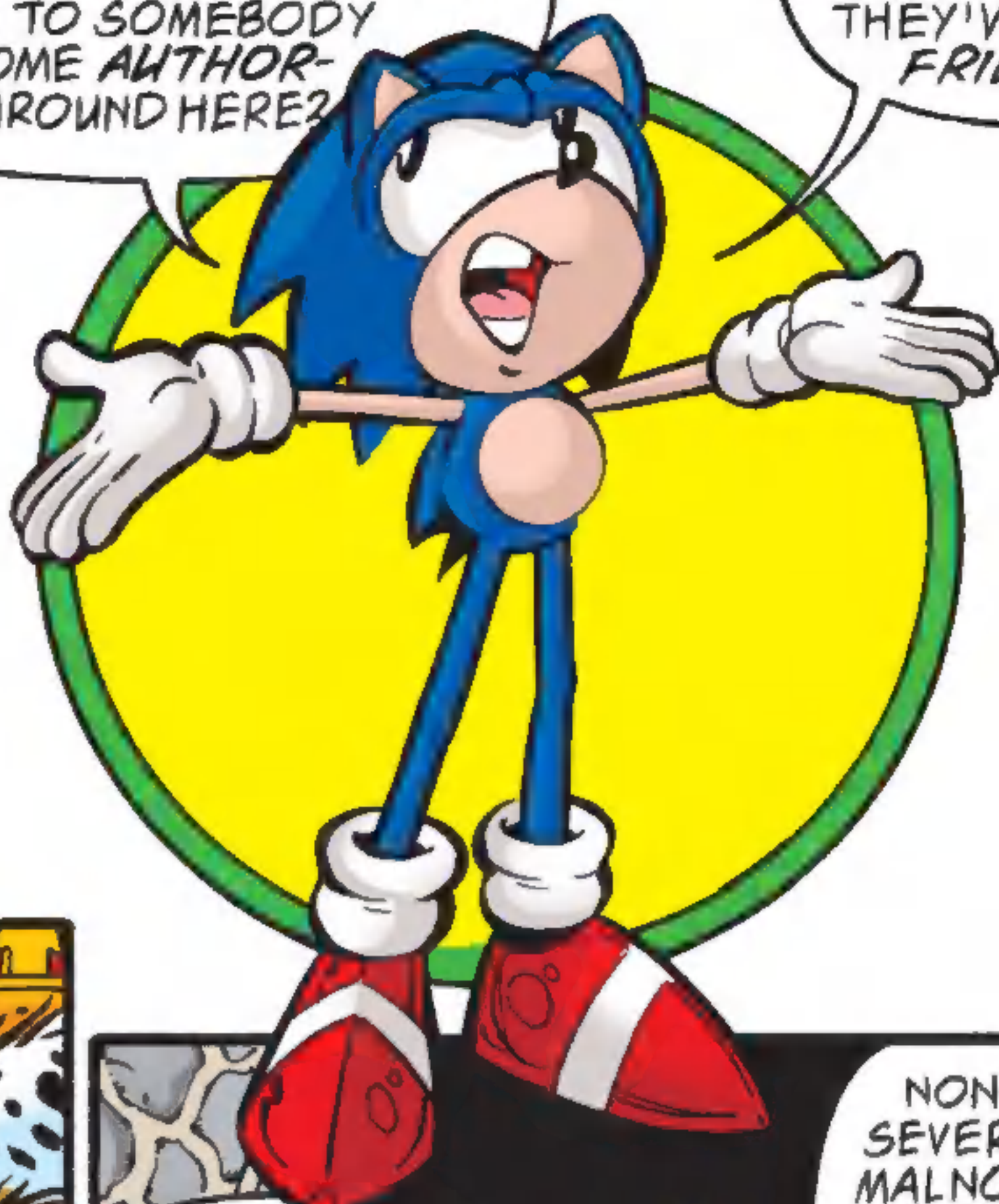
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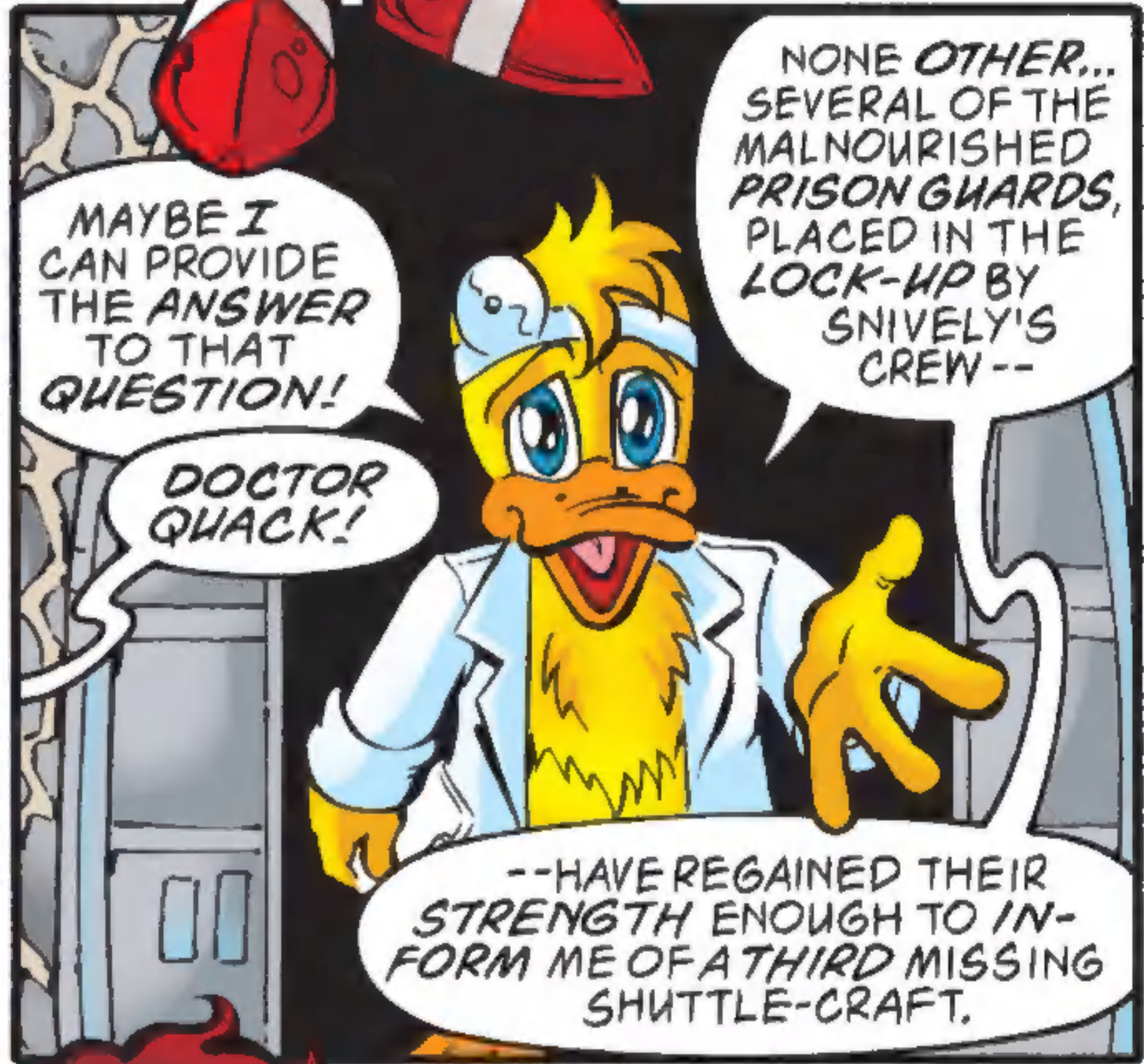
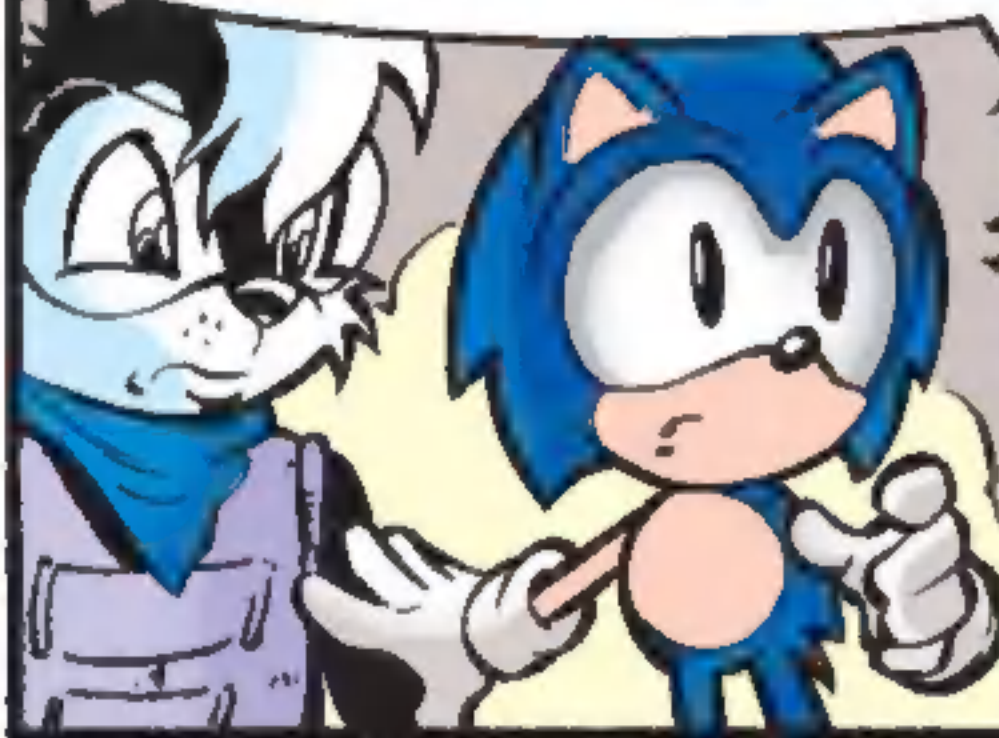
IMPOSSIBLE I SAY--THERE IS NO WAY THAT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN THE ATTACKERS! MY AGENTS AND I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THERE!

THEN THEY WERE SHAPE-SHIFTERS...OR EVIL-DOUBLES...OR CLONES--WHATEVER! CAN I TALK TO SOMEBODY WITH SOME AUTHORITY AROUND HERE?

'CUZ THE GOON SQUAD'S ON THE LOOSE AND THEY'VE GOT MY FRIEND!



BUT, SONIC, HOW COULD THE KIDNAPPERS BE THE ESCAPED PRISONERS WHEN THEIR SHUTTLE-CRAFTS WERE FOUND A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE GULAG? HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY HAVE MADE THE TREK BACK TO MOBOTROPOLIS IN SUCH RECORD TIME?



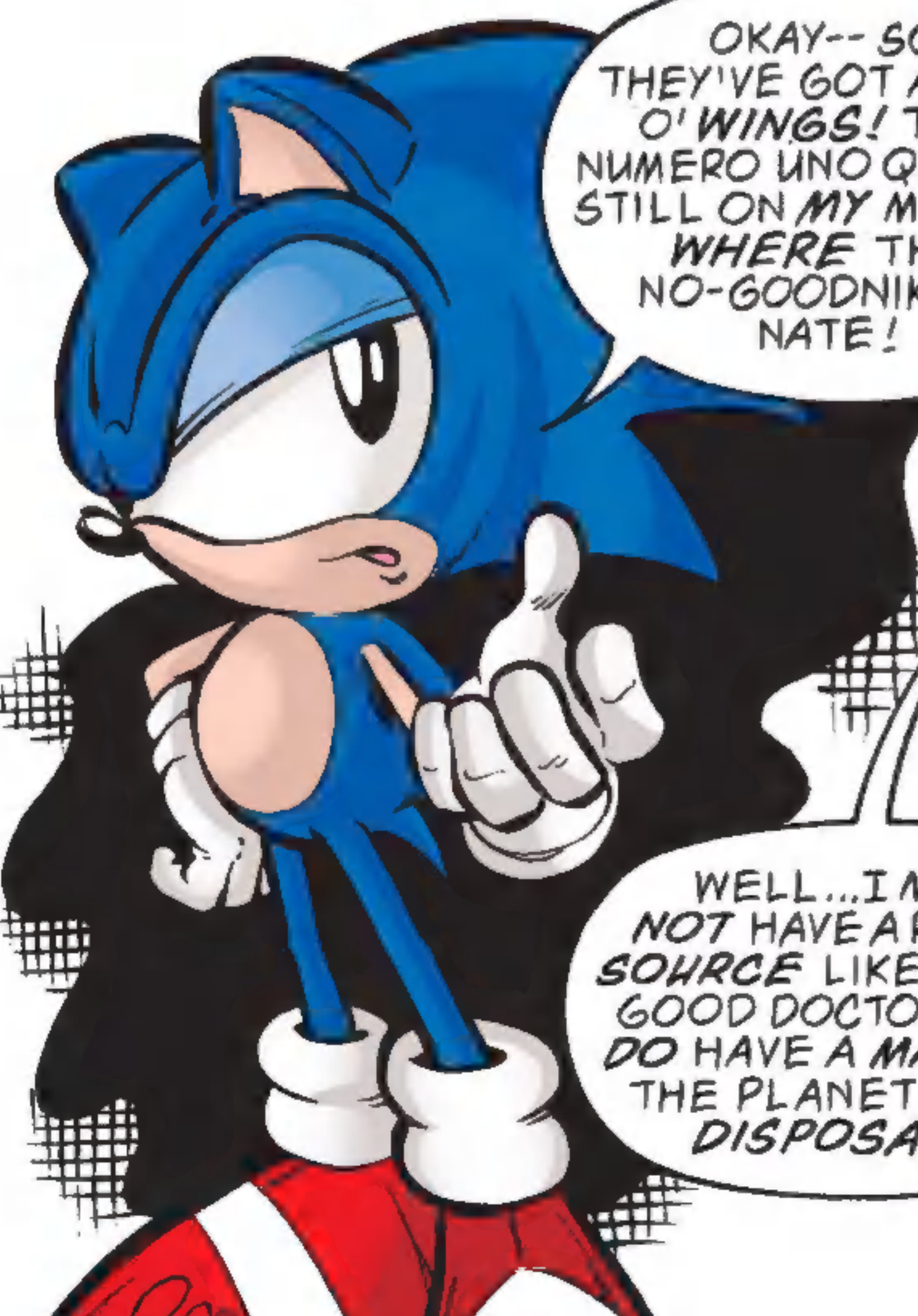
MAYBE I CAN PROVIDE THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION!

DOCTOR QUACK!

NONE OTHER... SEVERAL OF THE MALNOURISHED PRISON GUARDS, PLACED IN THE LOCK-UP BY SNIVELY'S CREW--

--HAVE REGAINED THEIR STRENGTH ENOUGH TO INFORM ME OF A THIRD MISSING SHUTTLE-CRAFT.

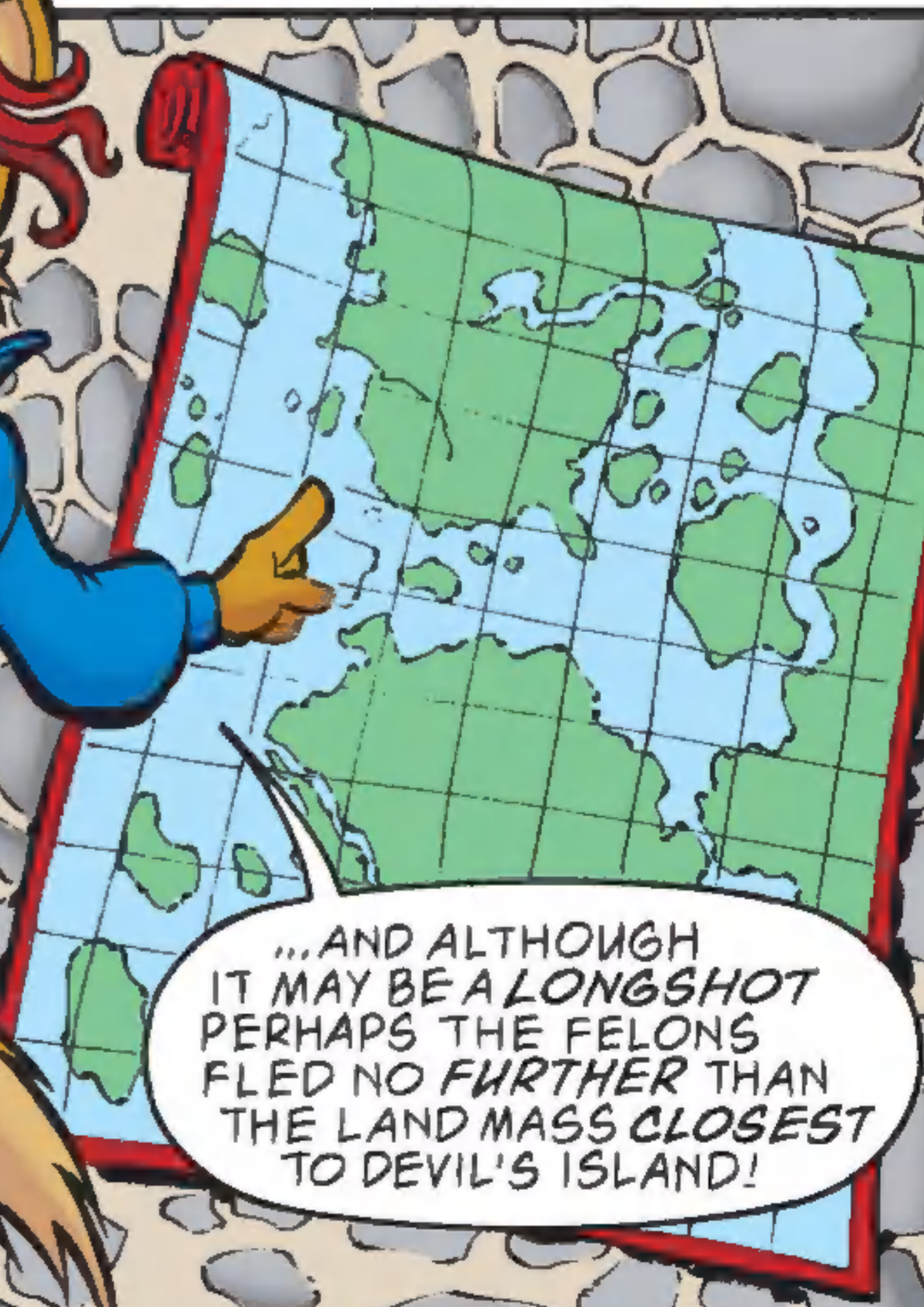
OKAY-- SO THEY'VE GOT A SET O' WINGS! THE NUMERO UNO QUESTION STILL ON MY MIND IS WHERE THOSE NO-GOODNIKS TOOK NATE!

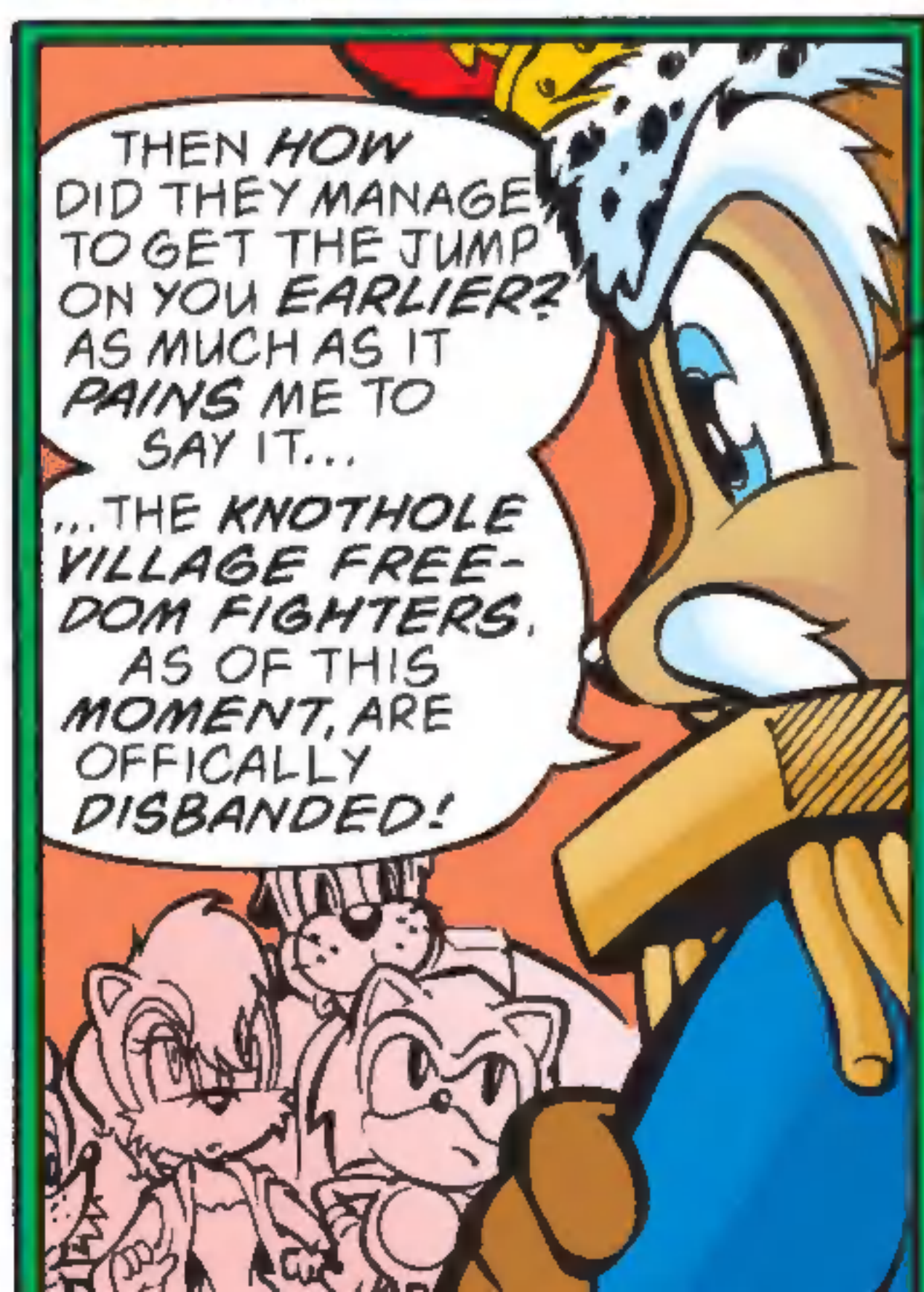
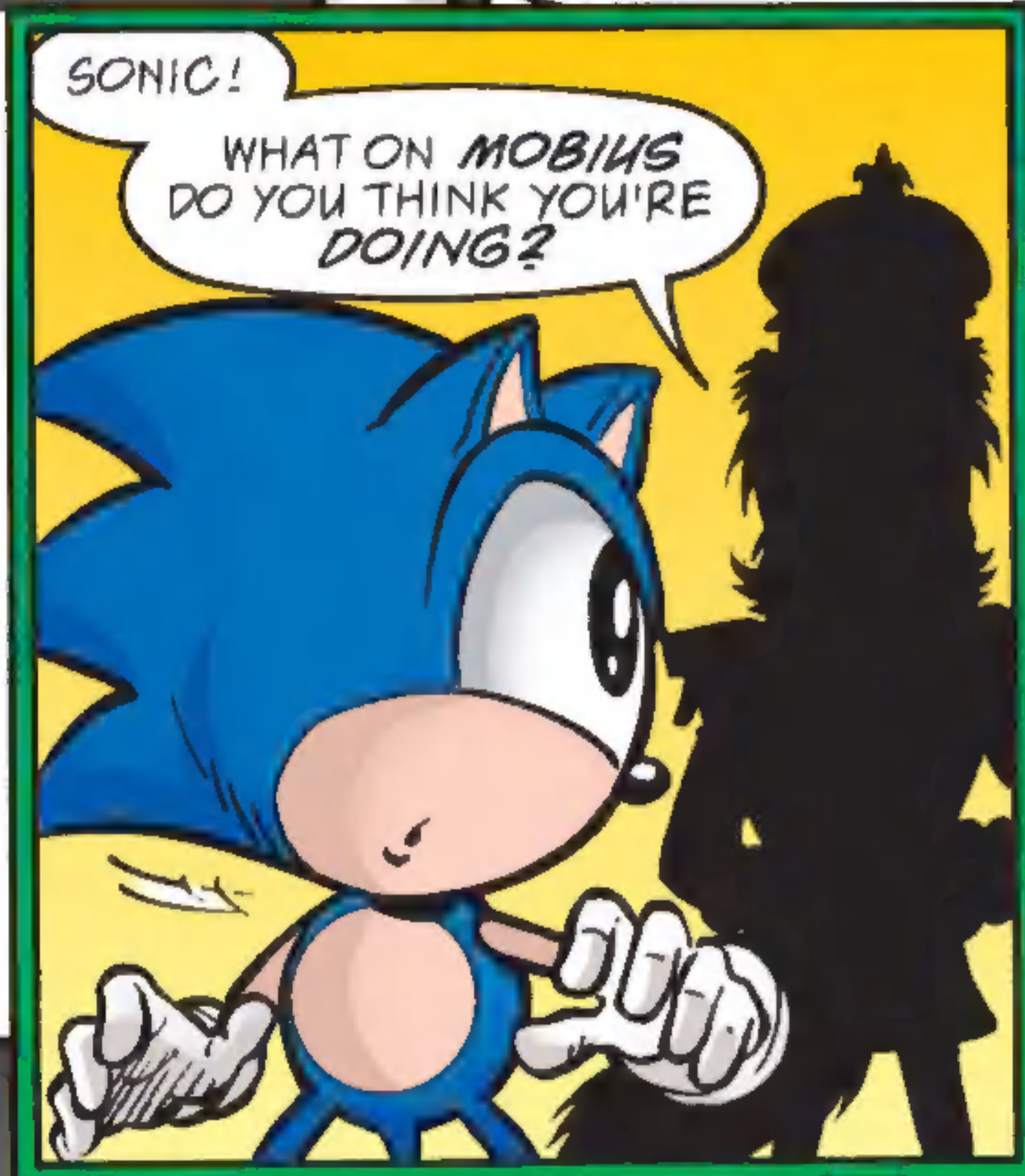
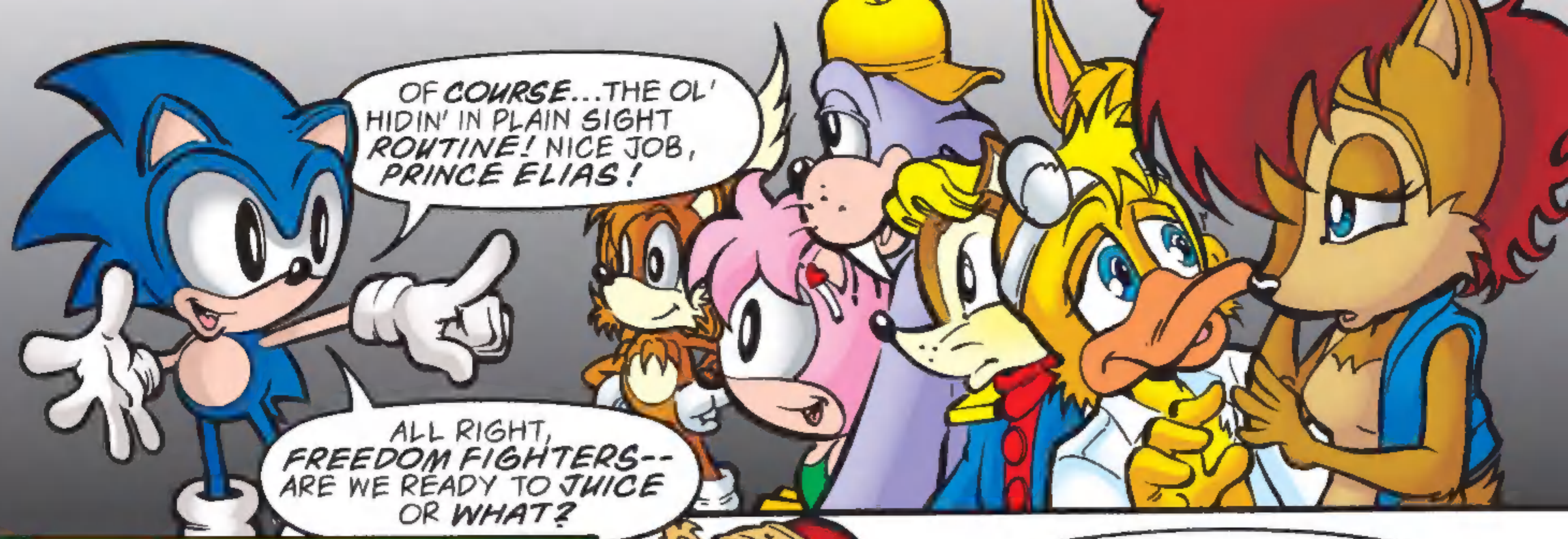


WELL...I MAY NOT HAVE A RELIABLE SOURCE LIKE THE GOOD DOCTOR BUT I DO HAVE A MAP OF THE PLANET AT MY DISPOSAL...



...AND ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE A LONGSHOT PERHAPS THE FELONS FLED NO FURTHER THAN THE LAND MASS CLOSEST TO DEVIL'S ISLAND!





MANY HOURS LATER, A ROYAL SUBMARINE (CREATED FROM LEFTOVER SCRAP METAL) EMERGES FROM THE LUKEWARM DEPTHS OFF THE COAST OF BIG KAHUNA ISLAND.

OKAY, AGENTS, THIS IS OUR MOMENT OF TRUTH-- WE'LL BE FACING OFF AGAINST SOME MIGHTY TOUGH CUSTOMERS AND THEY'RE RIGHT AHEAD OF US...



...IN WEST ROBOTROPOLIS, A CITY THAT'S BEEN DESERTED SINCE THE FALL OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.

IT'S THE PERFECT HIDING PLACE FOR SNIVELY AND HIS BAND OF ROGUES!

RUMOR HAS IT THAT ROBOTNIK WAS USING THE CITY AND THE SURROUNDING ISLAND AS A TESTING GROUND FOR EXPERIMENTS OF A SECRET NATURE. IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT...

HOLD THAT THOUGHT.

AT THE RISK
OF SOUNDING CLICHE
-- Uhh... WHAT TOOK
YOU SO LONG?

YOU'VE
ABSOLUTELY NO
BUSINESS ON
BIG KAHUNA,
HEDGEHOG!

YOU ARE IN VIOLA-
TION OF A DIRECT
ORDER FROM KING
ACORN-- CAPTURING
ESCAPED PRISONERS
IS A JOB FOR SEASONED
PROFESSIONALS
ONLY!

WHY, YOU'RE
JUST A KID!

SAVE IT, ST. JOHN-- I'M SIX-
TEEN! SURE, KING MAX DIS-
BANDED THE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

...SO THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE AS A
FREE
AGENT!

ELSEWHERE IN
WEST ROBOTROPOLIS...

YOU'RE MAKING
THIS SO UN-
COMFORTABLE
FOR US, MISTER
MORGAN...

Oh, REALLY?

YES... I'D FEEL SO
MUCH BETTER IF YOU
WOULD AGREE TO PRO-
VIDE YOUR SERVICES TO
MY COHORTS AND ME!

WHAT
DO YOU SAY,
Hmm?

AND...

I'M TELLING YOU, SONIC-- IF YOU HOPE TO BE PART OF THIS MISSION, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO BE A TEAM PLAYER!

WELL, Y'KNOW THERE WERE A LOT O' REASONS WHY WE CALLED OURSELVES THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, ST. JOHN-- BUT MAINLY IT WAS 'CUZ THERE WAS MORE THAN ONE OF US!



WHERE'S THAT WEIRD SOUND COMING FROM?

COME ON, SONIC-- IT'S TIME TO SHAKE AND BAKE! WE'VE SPOTTED SOMETHING UP AHEAD!

Uhh...
YEAH. SURE, HERSHEY.

MOMENTS LATER...

IT'S THE SHUTTLE-CRAFT AND IT'S PARKED OUTSIDE OF THE OLD, ABANDONED COURT-HOUSE-- OUR QUARRY MUST LIE WITHIN!

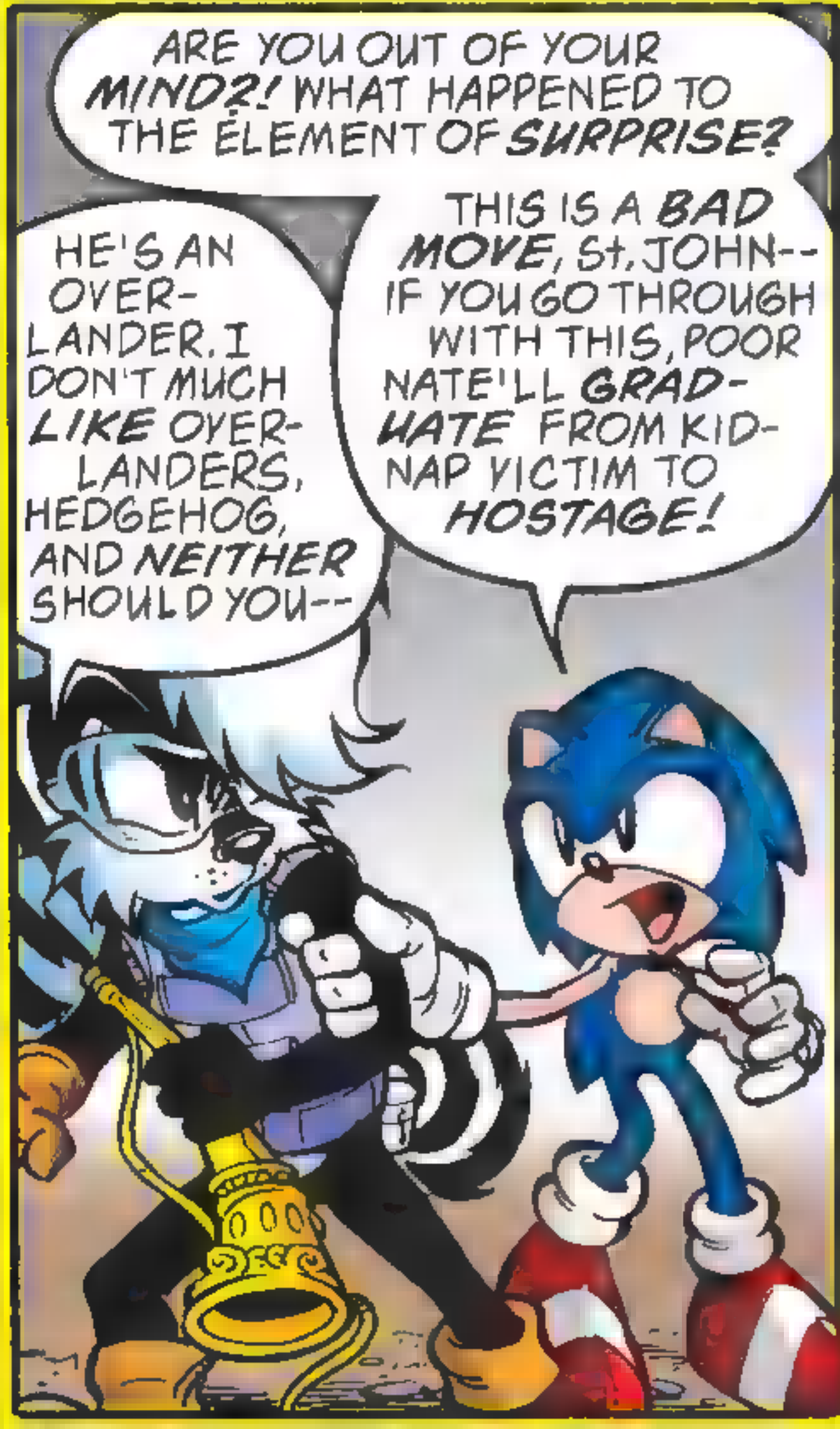
LIKE, DUH.

RIGHT THEN, TROOPS-- LET'S GET THIS PLACE SURROUNDED SO I CAN ORDER THESE ROUGHNECKS TO COME OUT WAVING THE WHITE FLAG!

ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE?

HE'S AN OVER-LANDER. I DON'T MUCH LIKE OVER-LANDERS, HEDGEHOG, AND NEITHER SHOULD YOU--

THIS IS A BAD MOVE, ST. JOHN-- IF YOU GO THROUGH WITH THIS, POOR NATE'LL GRADUATE FROM KIDNAP VICTIM TO HOSTAGE!

A panel showing Knuckles on the left, holding a golden bell, and Sonic on the right. They are both looking at St. John, who is not fully visible in this panel.

--NOT AFTER WHAT THEY CAUSED TO BEFALL SALLY'S MUM-- QUEEN ALICIA-- DURING THE GREAT WAR.*

A panel showing Knuckles from the chest up, shouting into a golden megaphone. He has a determined and angry expression.

WHY BLAME NATE FOR THAT?

HE WASN'T EVEN AROUND FOR THE GREAT WAR--I DOUBT HE EVEN KNOWS WHAT A 'GREAT WAR' IS, YOU DOOFUS!

A close-up panel of Sonic's face. He has a very angry, furrowed-brow expression, looking directly at the viewer.

*READ LAST ISSUE AND KNUCKLES ARCHIVES VOL. 4, COMING SOON -ED.

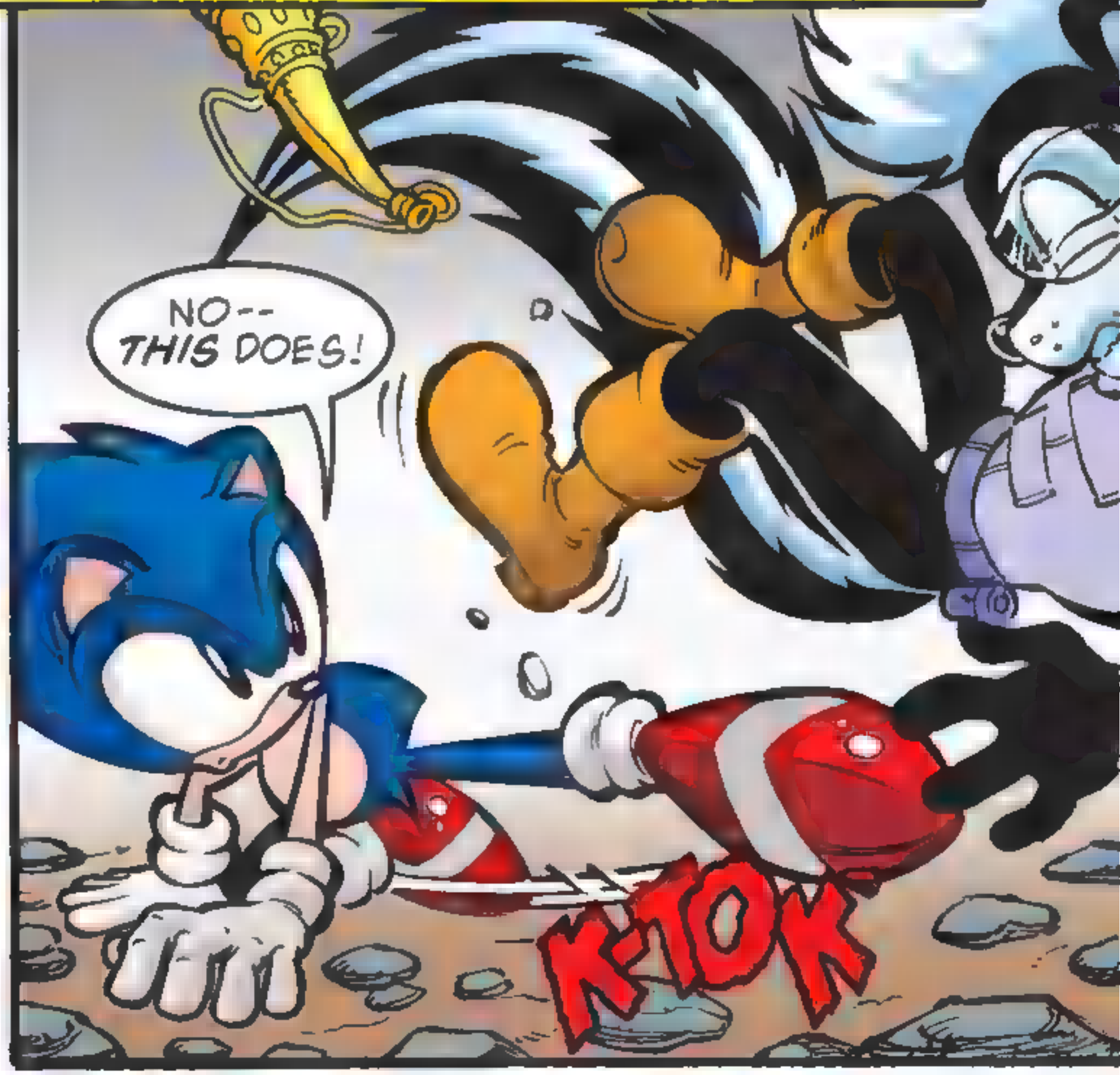
THAT DOES IT!

WHISH!

A panel showing Knuckles swinging the golden bell towards Sonic. Sonic is being hit in the back of the head. The sound effect 'WHISH!' is written in large, stylized pink letters.

NO-- THIS DOES!

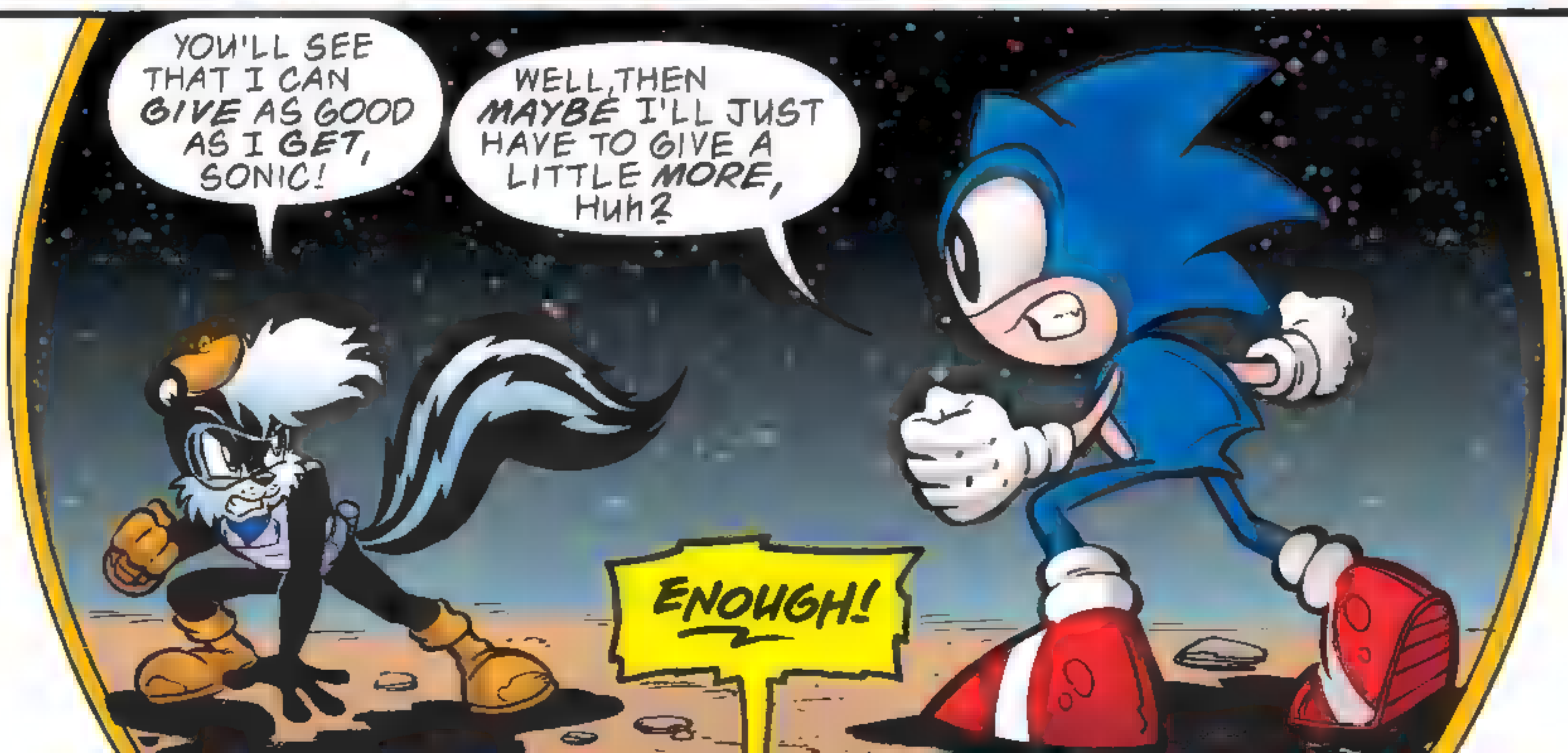
K-TOX

A panel showing Sonic lying on the ground, looking dazed. Knuckles is standing over him, looking down. The sound effect 'K-TOX' is written in large, stylized red letters.

YOU'LL SEE THAT I CAN GIVE AS GOOD AS I GET, SONIC!

WELL, THEN MAYBE I'LL JUST HAVE TO GIVE A LITTLE MORE, HUH?

ENOUGH!

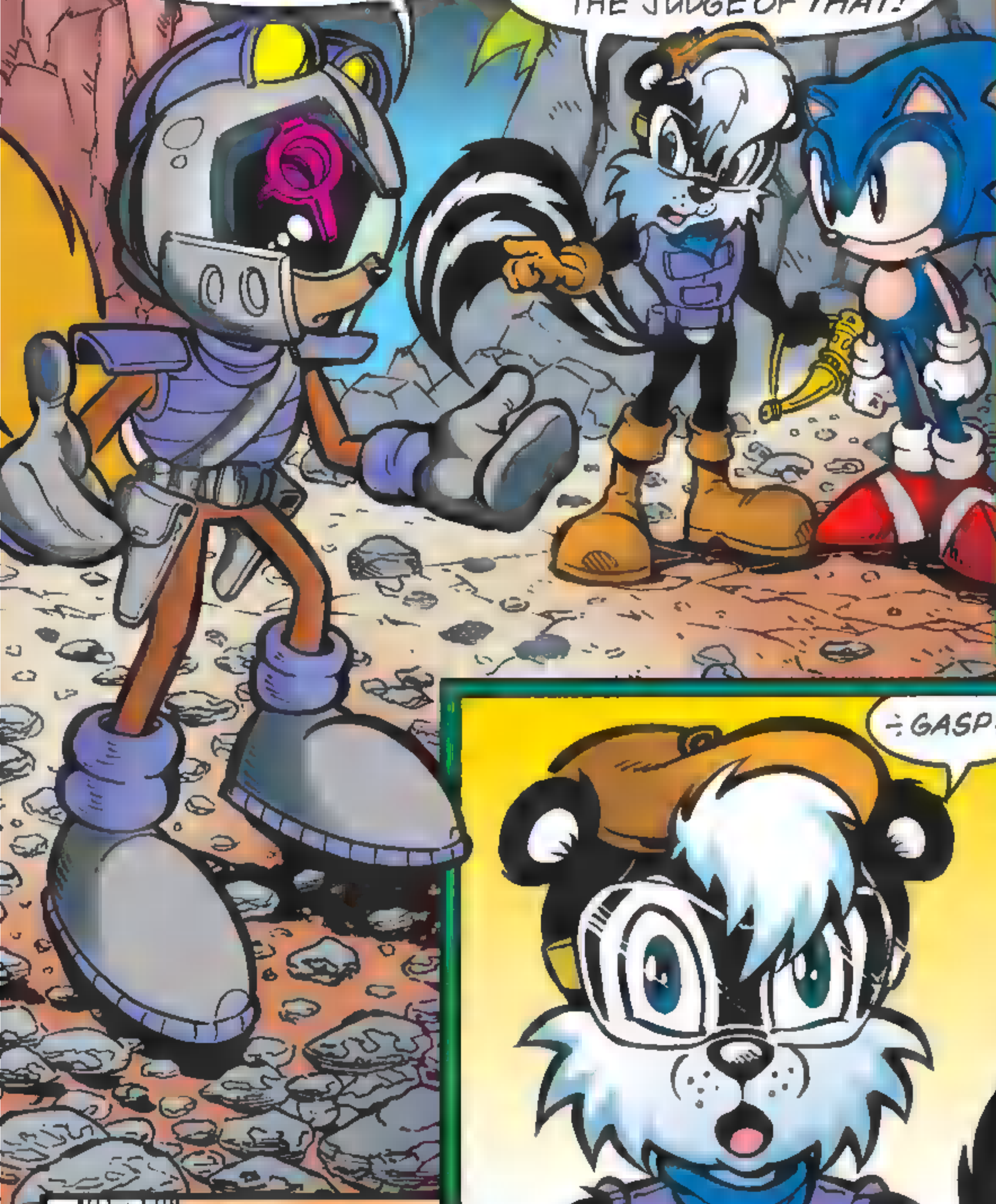
A large panel enclosed in a circular frame. It shows Sonic and Knuckles in a standoff. Sonic is on the right, looking angry, and Knuckles is on the left, also looking angry. A yellow speech bubble with the word 'ENOUGH!' is in the center.

YOU ARE BOTH CAPABLE COMBATANTS AND OPPONENTS WORTHY OF EACH OTHER, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE WASTING YOUR ENERGY DOING THIS--

--NOT WHEN IT CLEARLY JEOPARDIZES THE MISSION!

I HOLD THE HIGHEST RANK HERE SOLDIER--LET ME BE THE JUDGE OF THAT!

HOW DO YOU JUDGE THIS, COMMANDER?



÷GASP÷

SON OF A KING (I MEAN GUN)!



INSIDE THE COURTHOUSE...

COME ON, MORGAN! JOIN US--OR ELSE!

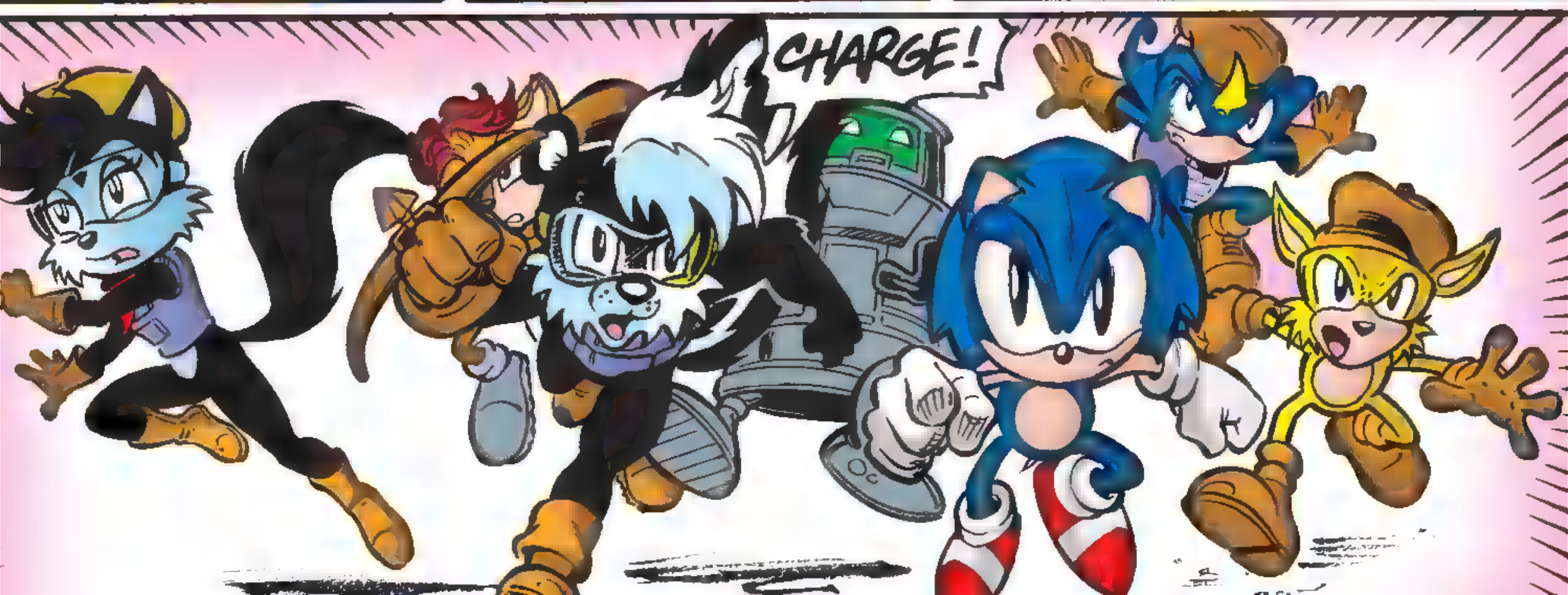
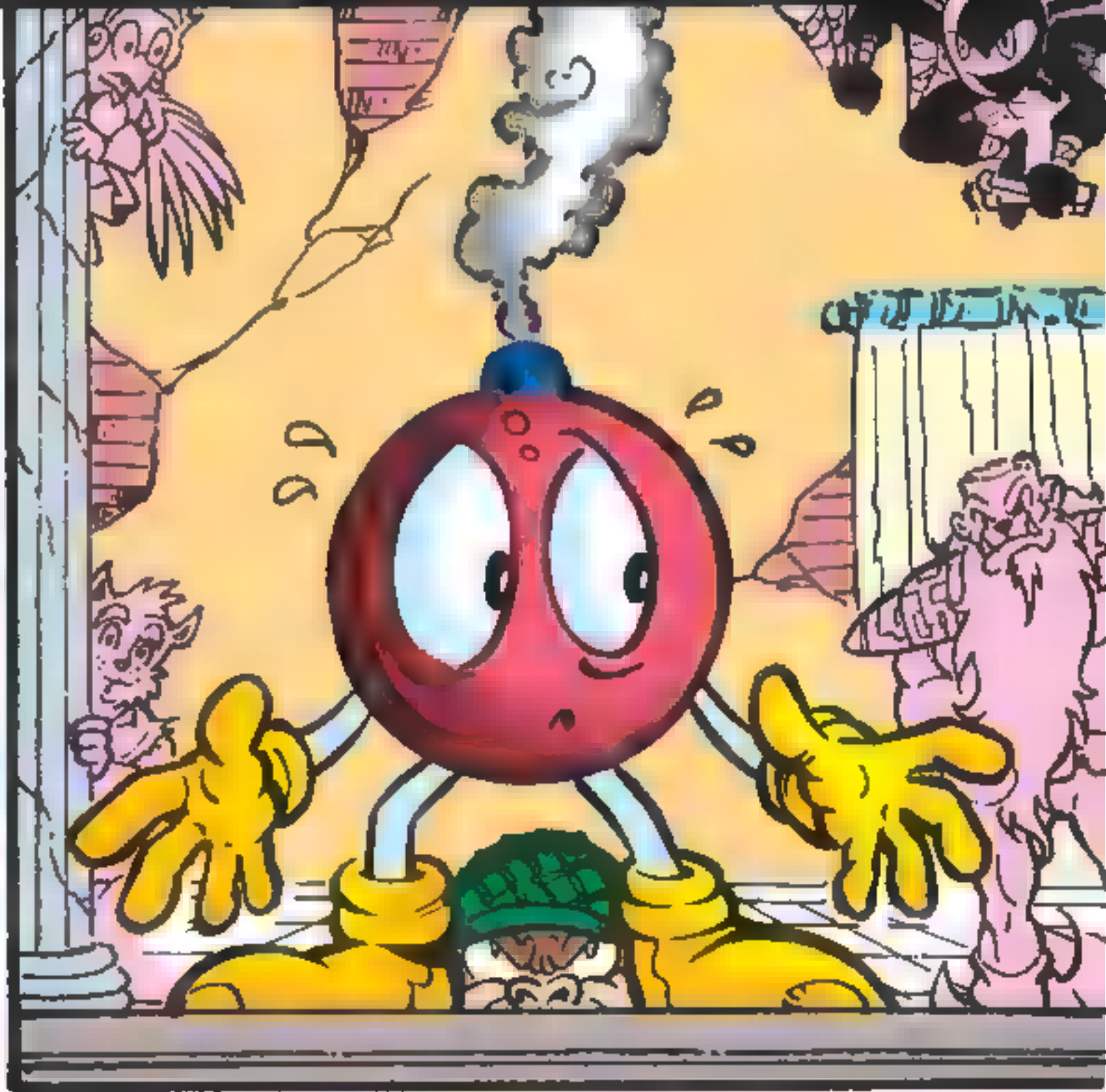
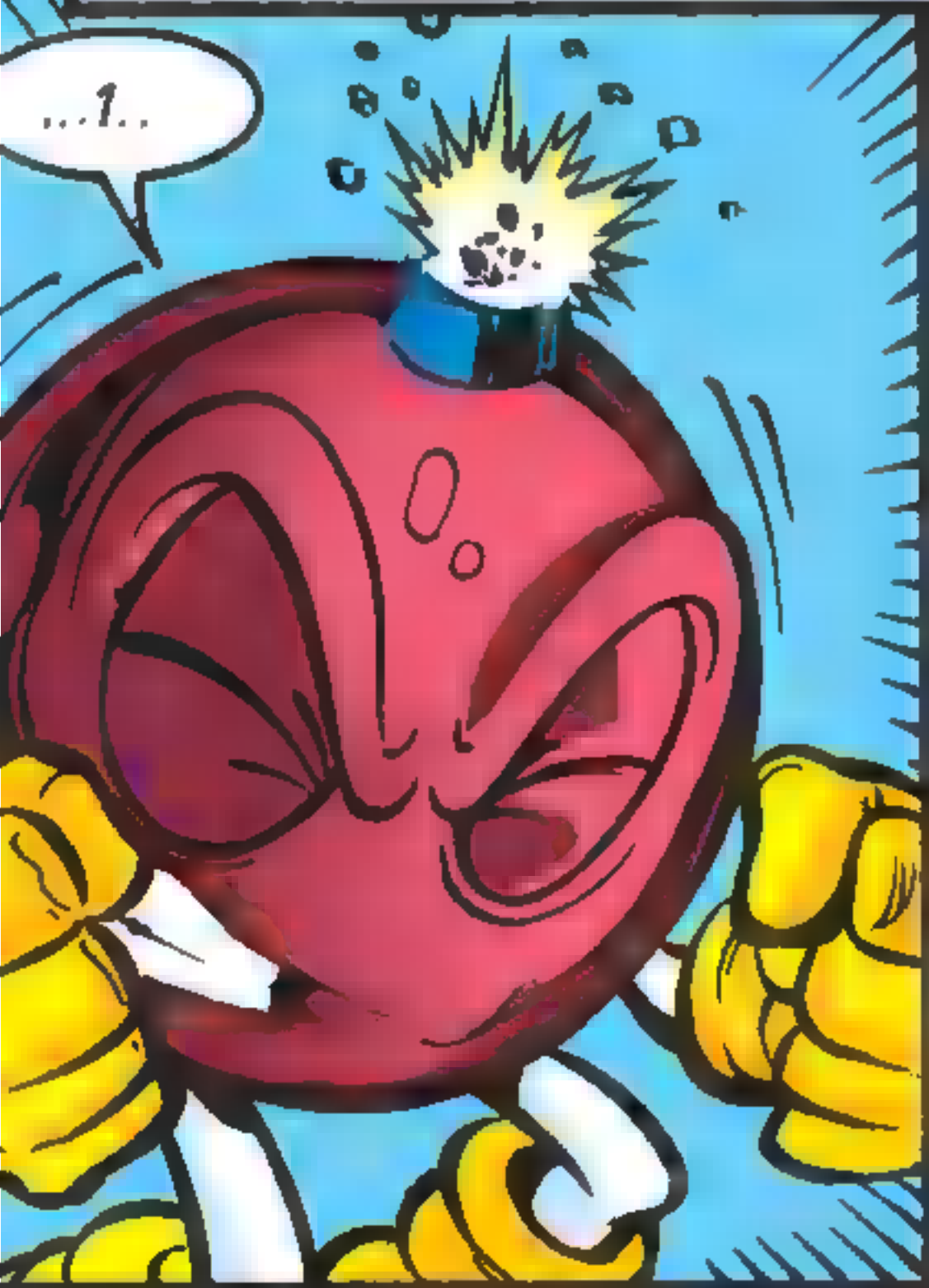
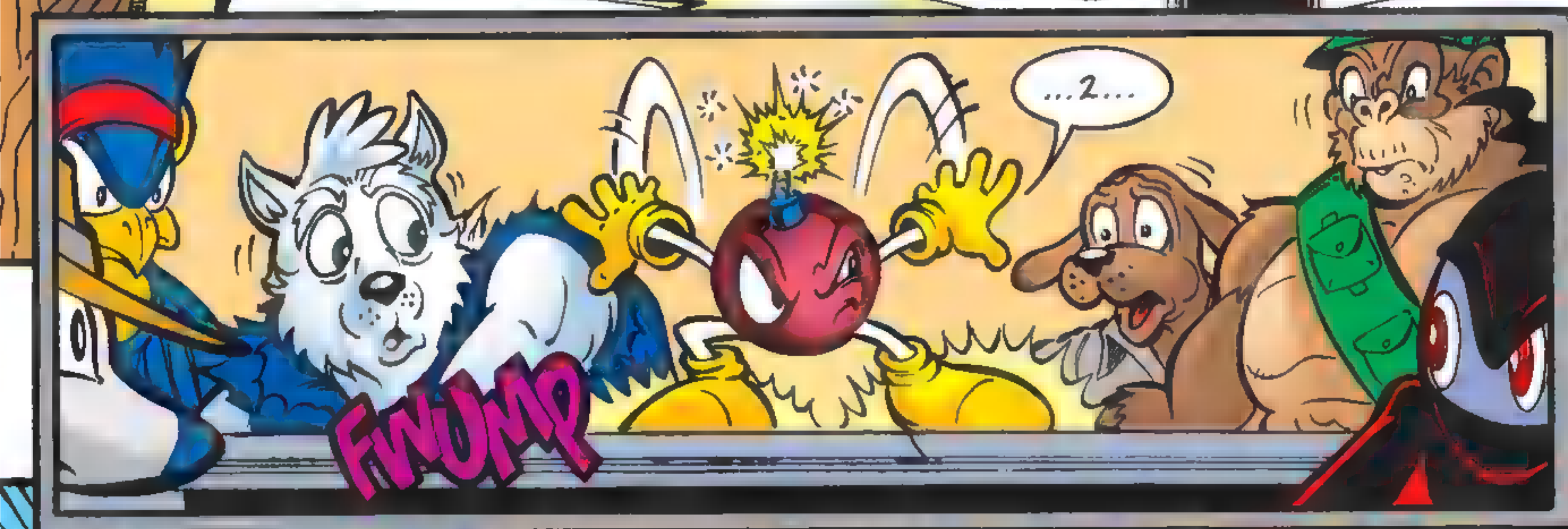
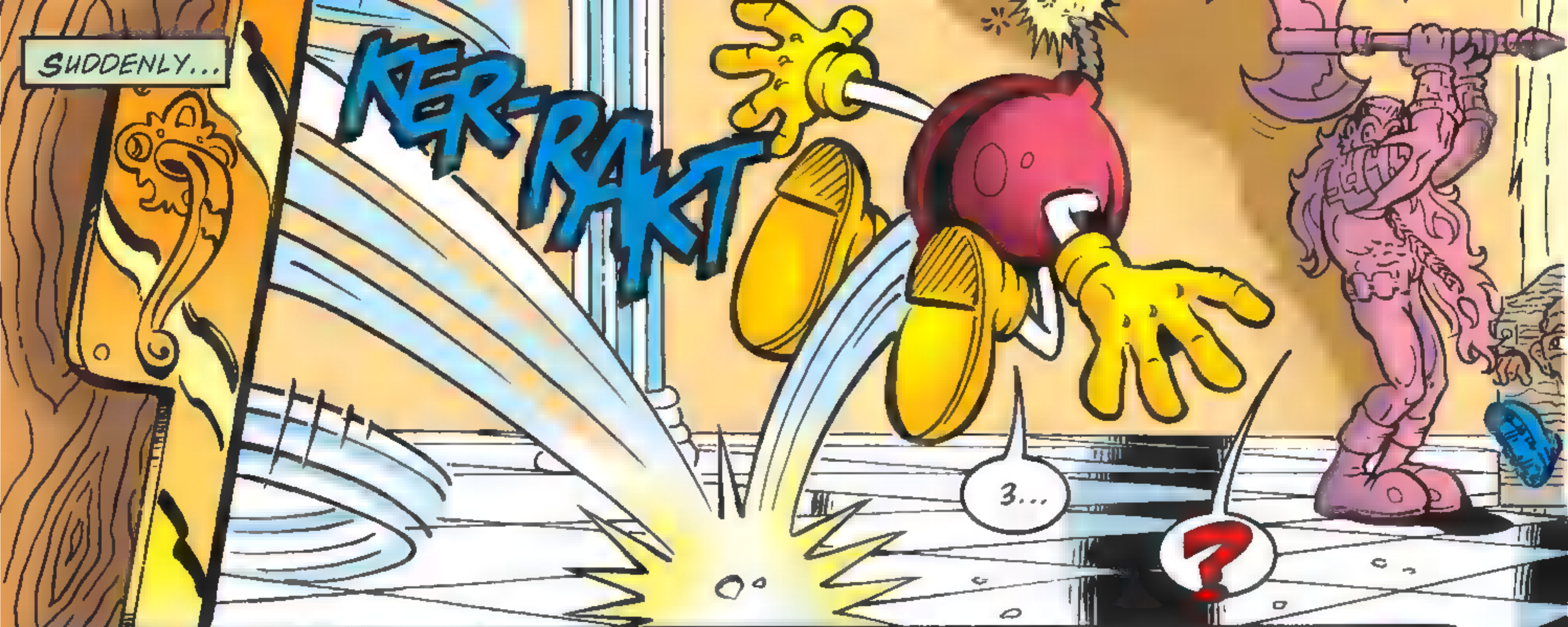
I DIDN'T LIKE YOU BACK WHEN YOU WERE THE KINGDOM'S WAR-LORD, KODOS, AND I STILL DON'T LIKE YOU-- I CHOOSE "OR ELSE!"

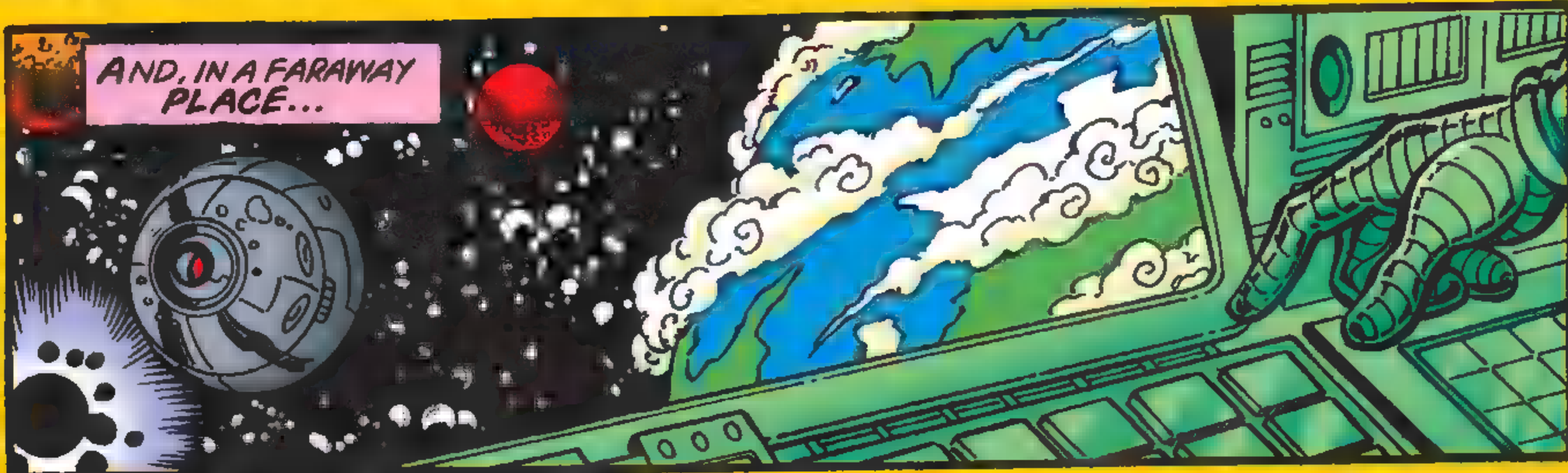


OH, WELL--YOUR LOSS!

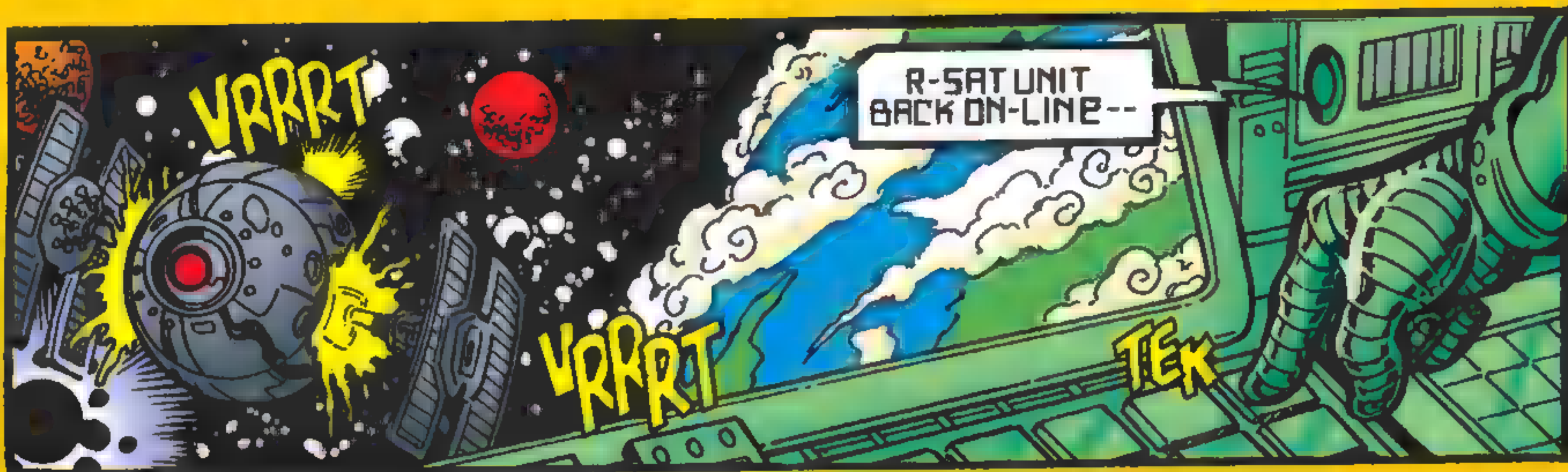
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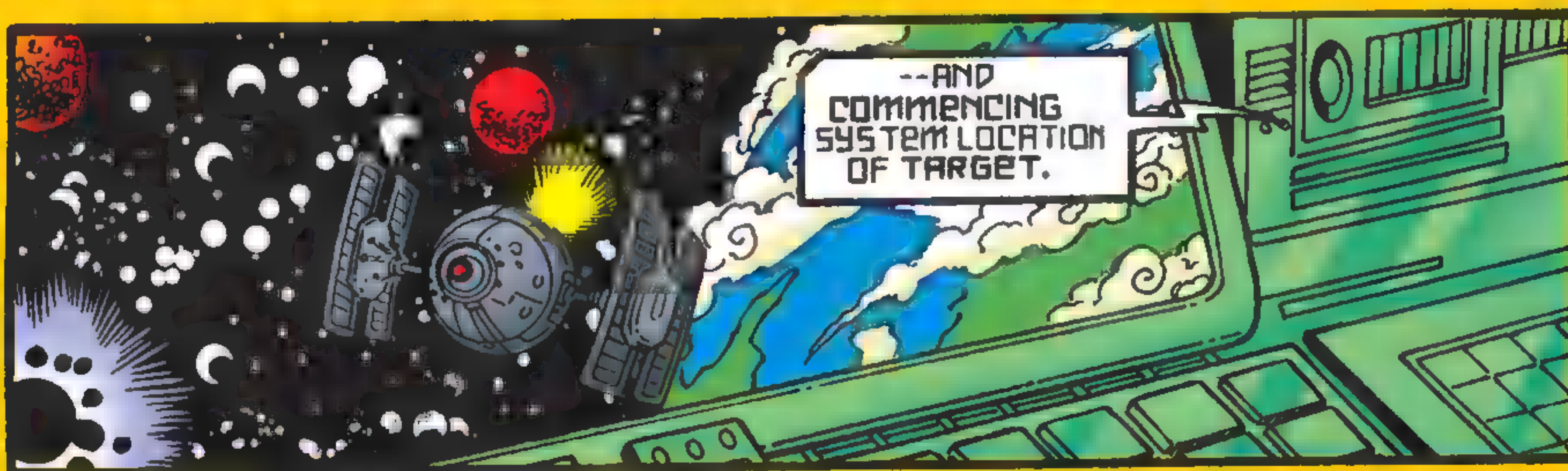




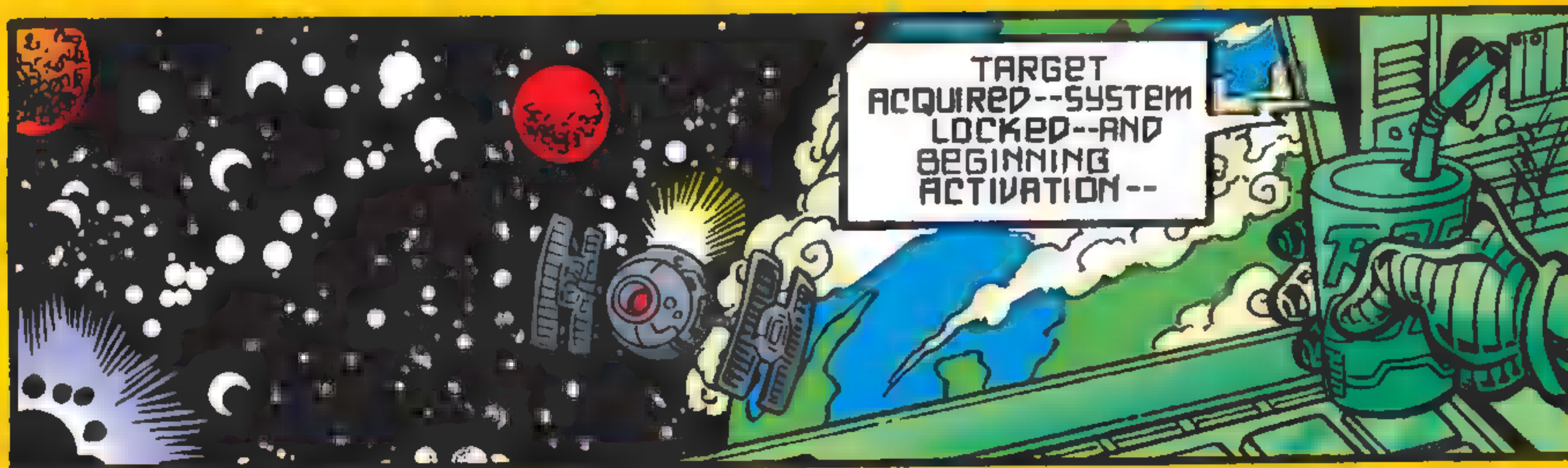
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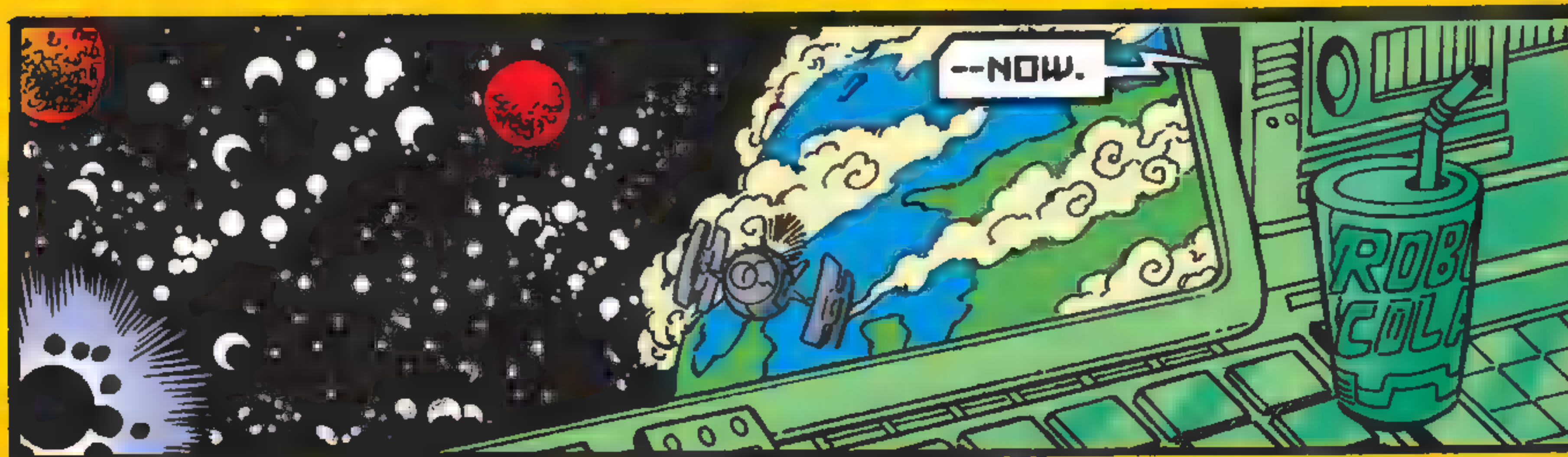
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BACK ON-LINE--



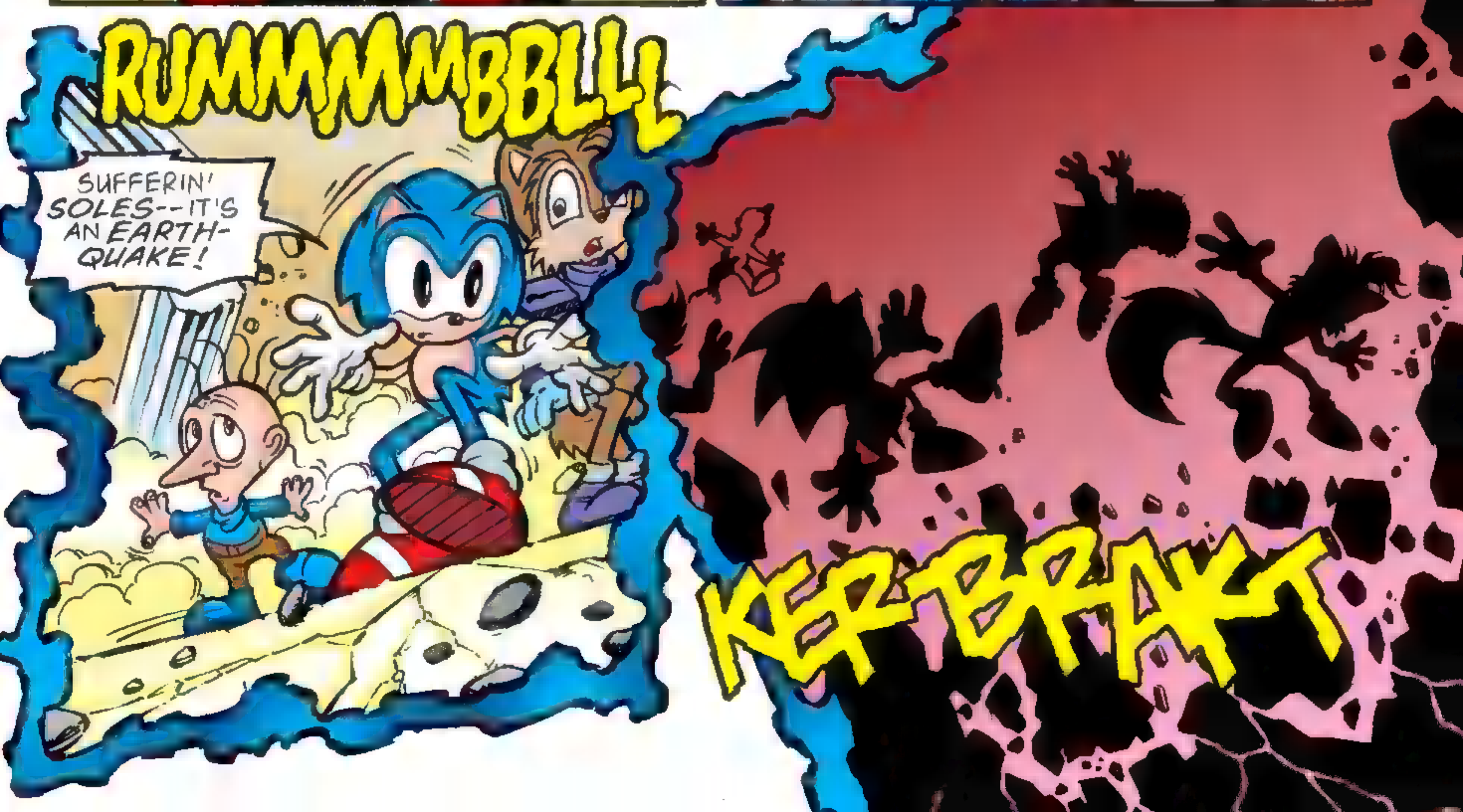
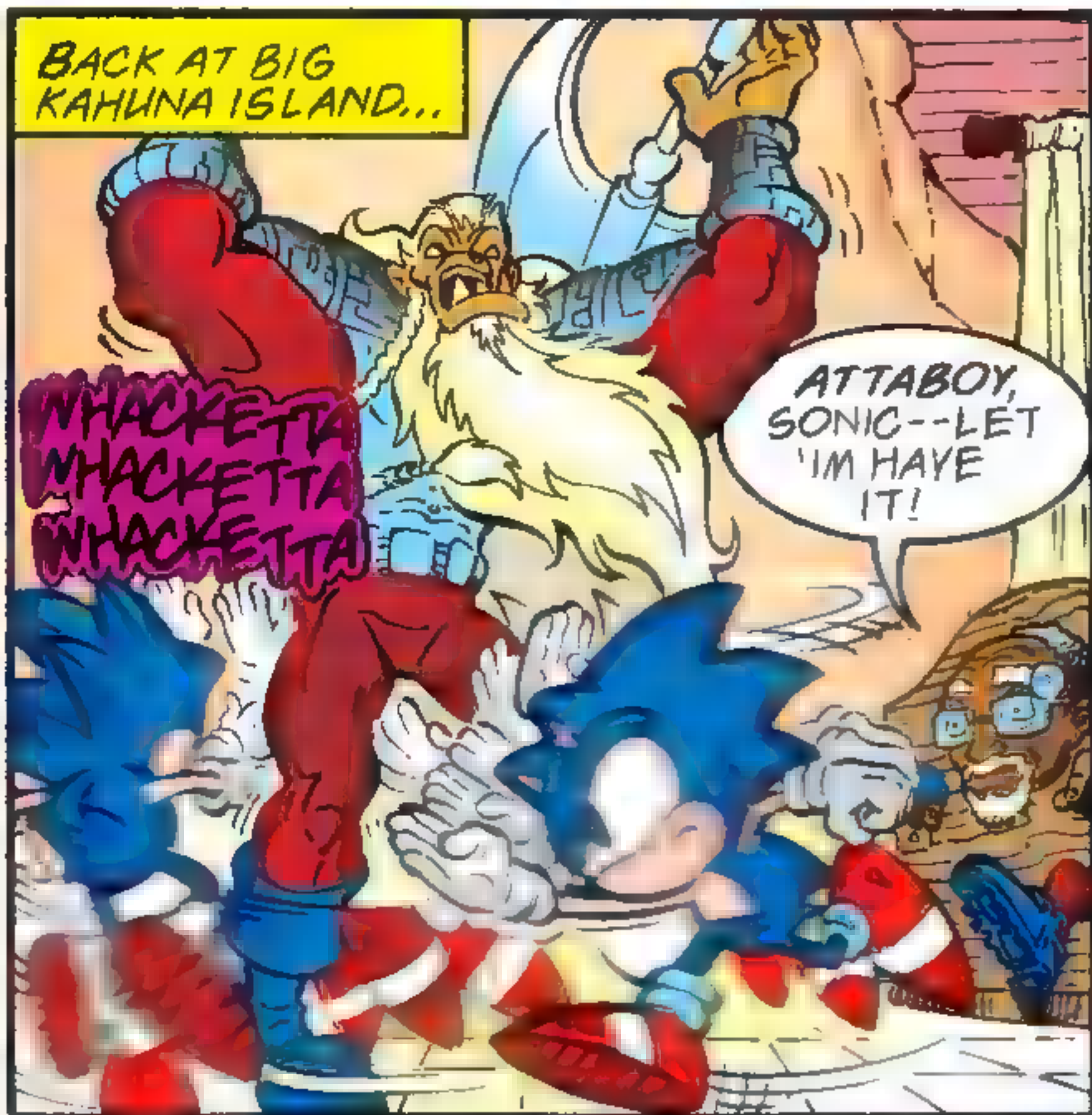
--AND
COMMENCING
SYSTEM LOCATION
OF TARGET.



TARGET
ACQUIRED--SYSTEM
LOCKED--AND
BEGINNING
ACTIVATION--



--NOW.



IT RISES UP FROM
BENEATH THE FLOOR
OF THE OLD COURT-
HOUSE-- A ROBOTIC,
MULTI-LIMBED MUTATE--

--SHINY--
UGLY--

--AND MOST
OF ALL--

--DEADLY!

NO!

SONIC--
WAIT! PLEASE
DON'T LEAVE
ME! I BEG OF
YOU!

THAT CREATURE'S
GOT SNIVELY! I CAN'T
JUST ABANDON HIM--
EVEN IF HE IS ROBOTNIK'S
NO-GOOD NEPHEW!

BUT, SONIC
--LOOK!

IT ALSO
CLUTCHED ONE OF
YOUR COMPANIONS!

3...2...1!

BOOM

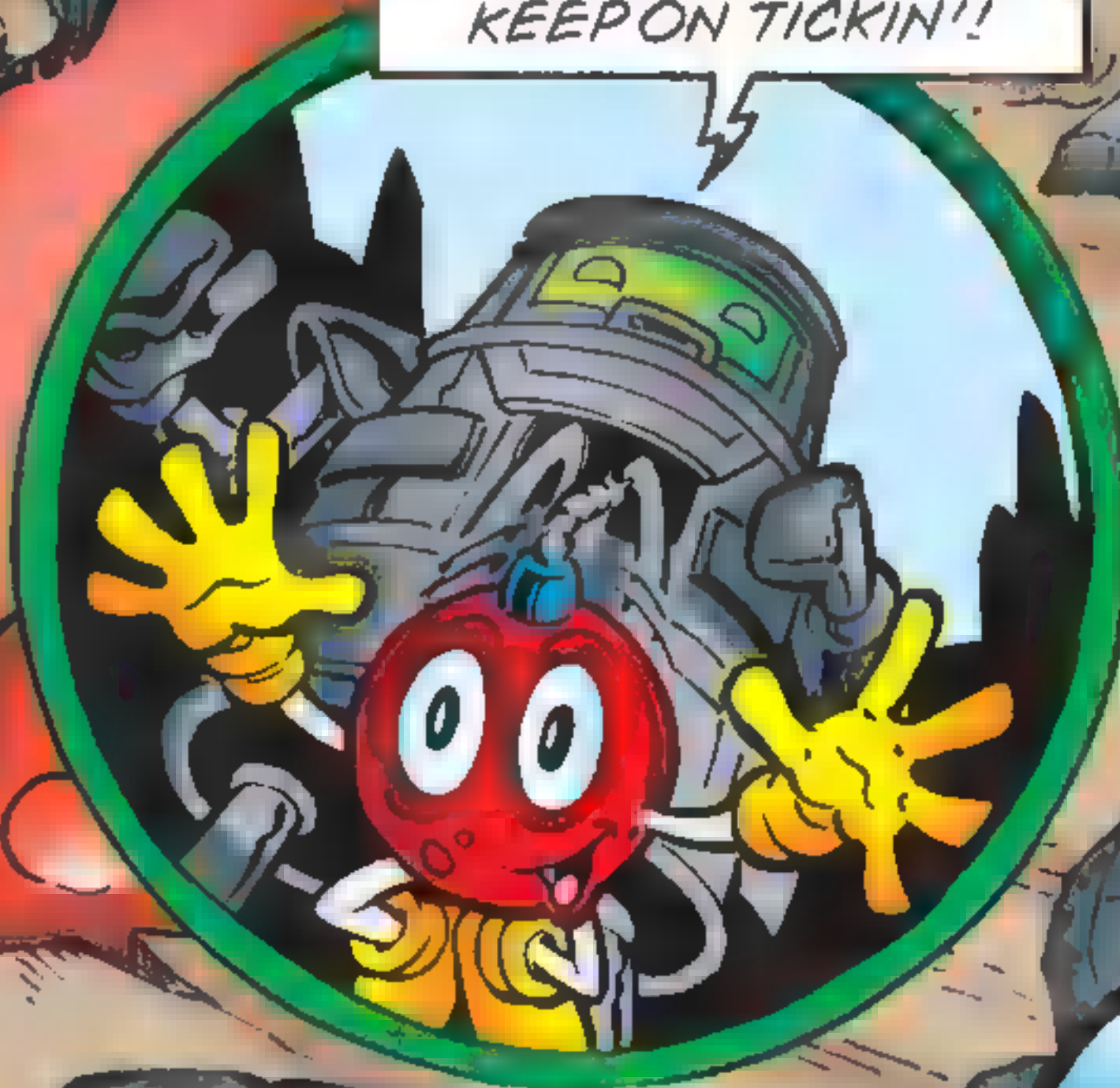


WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO 'EM?

THEY'RE GONE--
EXPLODED! THE POOR
LITTLE GUY BLEW
HIS TOP!

NOT TO
WORRY,
SONIC--

--BOMB CAN TAKE
A LICKIN' AND STILL
KEEP ON TICKIN'!



"WHOAH-- THERE'S MORE
THAN ONE OF HIM! HE'S
OKAY (NOW THAT'S WHAT I
CALL 'DA BOMB')!"

AND...

ALL RIGHT, THEN
LET'S GET THE CHIEFS
ON THESE BLOKES AND
READY THEM FOR TRANS-
PORT BACK TO GULAG
ISLAND.

WELL, EVEN
THOUGH SOME
OF SNIVELY'S
BUNCH HAVE
ESCAPED
AMID THE
CONFUSION...

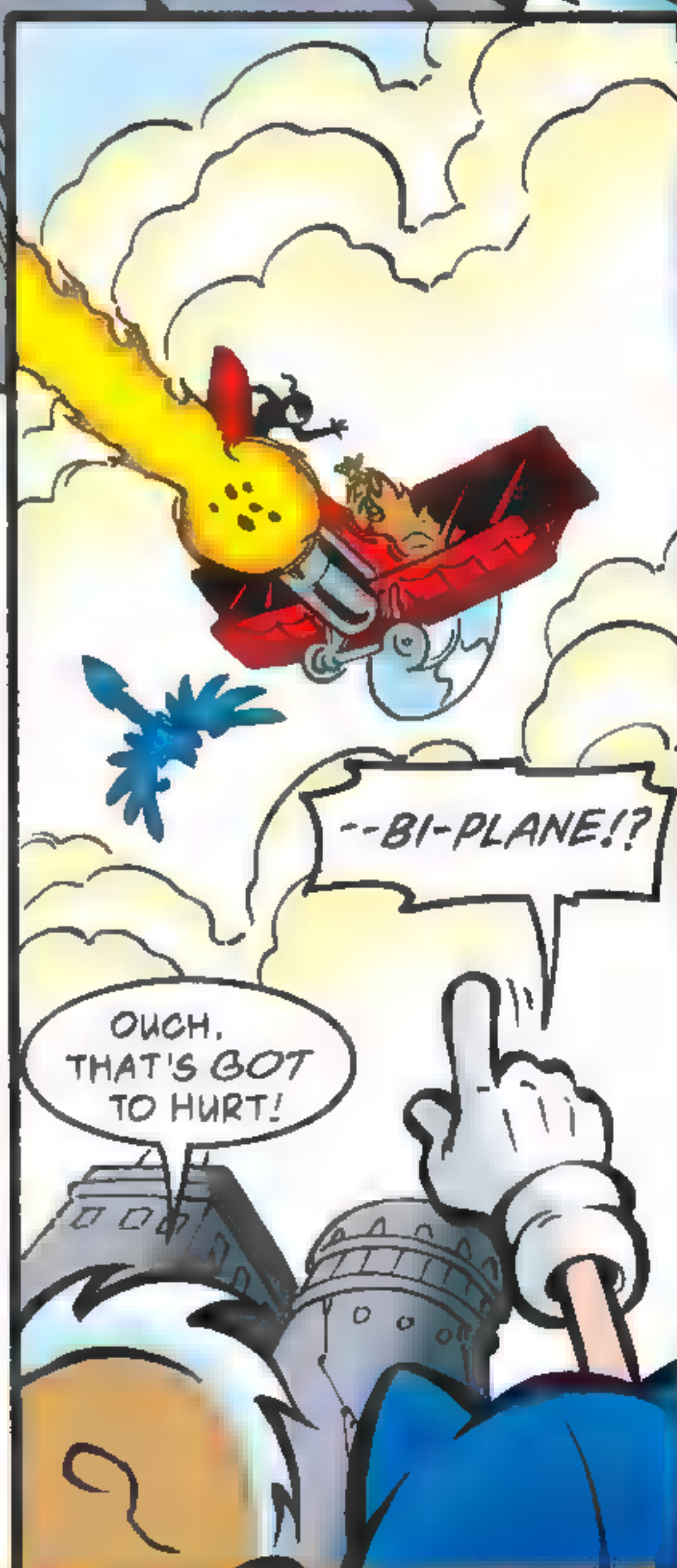
...THE OVERALL MISSION
HAS BEEN A SMASHING
SUCCESS!

I GUESS IT
HAS AFTER
ALL! SAY,
ST. JOHN, I'VE
GOT AN ADDED
TROPHY FOR
YOU TO TAKE
TO THE GULAG
--NONE OTHER
THAN THE
SCORGE OF
DOWNHUNDA
--OL' CROC-
BOT
HIMSELF!*

CROC-
BOT?!
WHERE
IS HE?

DON'T SWEAT IT-- I'VE
GOT HIS ROBOTIC REMAINS
STORED IN MY--

* READ SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 16 -ED.



--BI-PLANE!?

OUCH,
THAT'S GOT
TO HURT!

NEXT MONTH: PERHAPS THE
STRANGEST ISSUE OF ALL!

IT'S THE SAME NIGHTMARE OVER AND OVER.

STATE OF LIMITATIONS

I'M FLYING OVER SANDBLAST CITY WHEN, SUDDENLY, MY BIPLANE DISINTEGRATES. LOCK, STOCK, AND BARREL.

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I PLUMMET... AND PLUMMET... AND PLUMMET STILL, FOR WHAT SEEMS LIKE HOURS...

...AGONIZING HOURS. THEN THE CLOUDS CLEAR AND I SEE IT BELOW ME. THE STATUE--

IT'S LAUGHING AT ME.

THE CRUDDY PIECE OF CONCRETE IS CACKLING AWAY--

-- THE VERY MONUMENT I SHATTERED SO TAILS AND I COULD BREAK THE FORCE FIELD AND ESCAPE OUR CAPTORS. ■

* ED. NOTE: BACK IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 17 -- ED.

-- MOCKING ME. DEGRADING ME. MAKING ME QUESTION MY VERY EXISTENCE AS I FACE ITS GAPING MAW.

THEN I WAKE UP, IN A POOL OF SWEAT, HEART POUNDING, AND COMPLETELY DISHEVELED.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DREAM MEANS, BUT I WANT IT TO END.

PROBLEM IS, SOMETHING HOLDS ME BACK, NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, I WAKE UP AT THE SAME POINT IN THE DREAM...



I NEVER MAKE IT INTO THE MOUTH OF THE STATUE, AS IF I'M AFRAID OF WHAT I'LL FIND ON THE OTHER SIDE...

SEE, IT'S BEEN ME ALL ALONG, BUT TONIGHT, I'M NOT GOING TO LET "ME" HOLD MYSELF BACK. TONIGHT, I FIND OUT HOW THE DREAM ENDS.



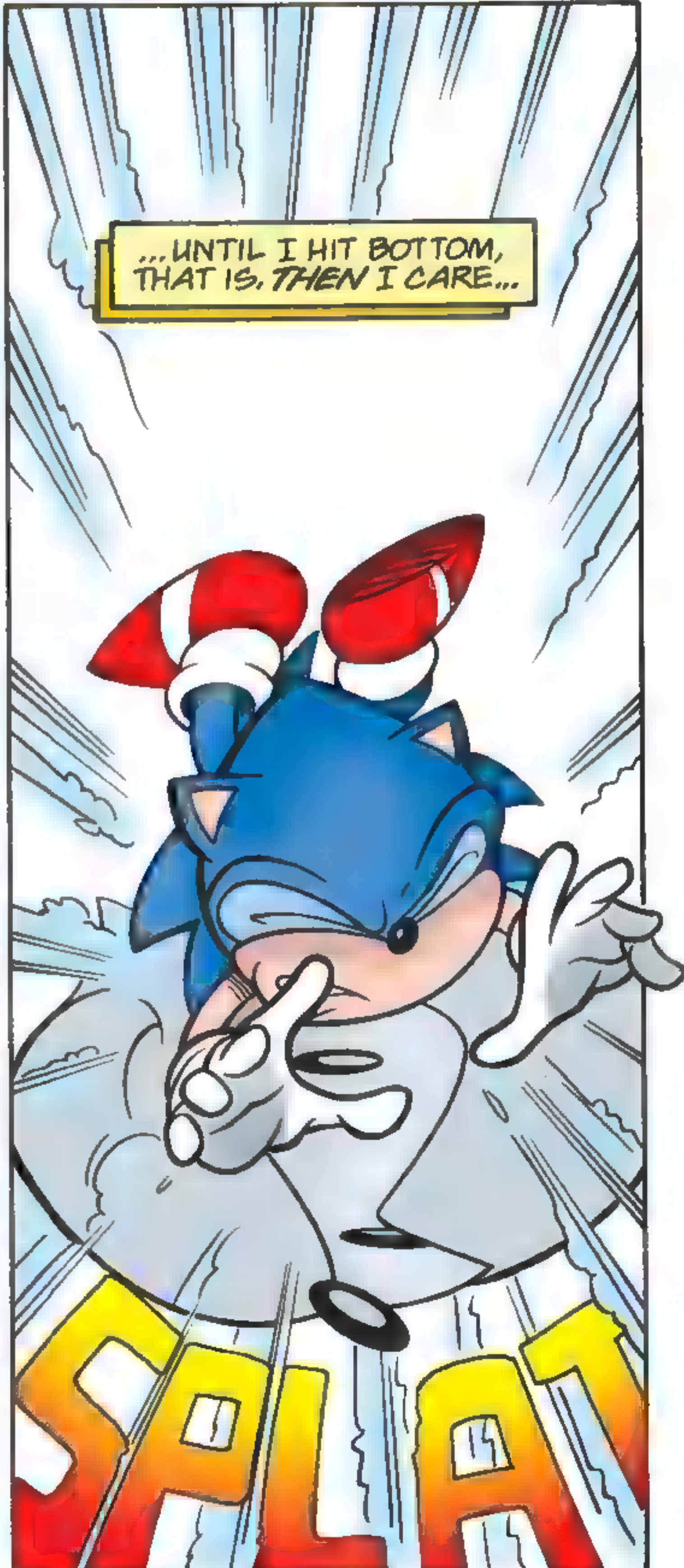
THAT'S RIGHT--I'M GOING IN, MIGHT BE THE BREAKTHROUGH I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR, OR MAYBE I'M JUST LITERALLY DIVING INTO THE MOUTH OF MADNESS...

WHAT A RUSH!

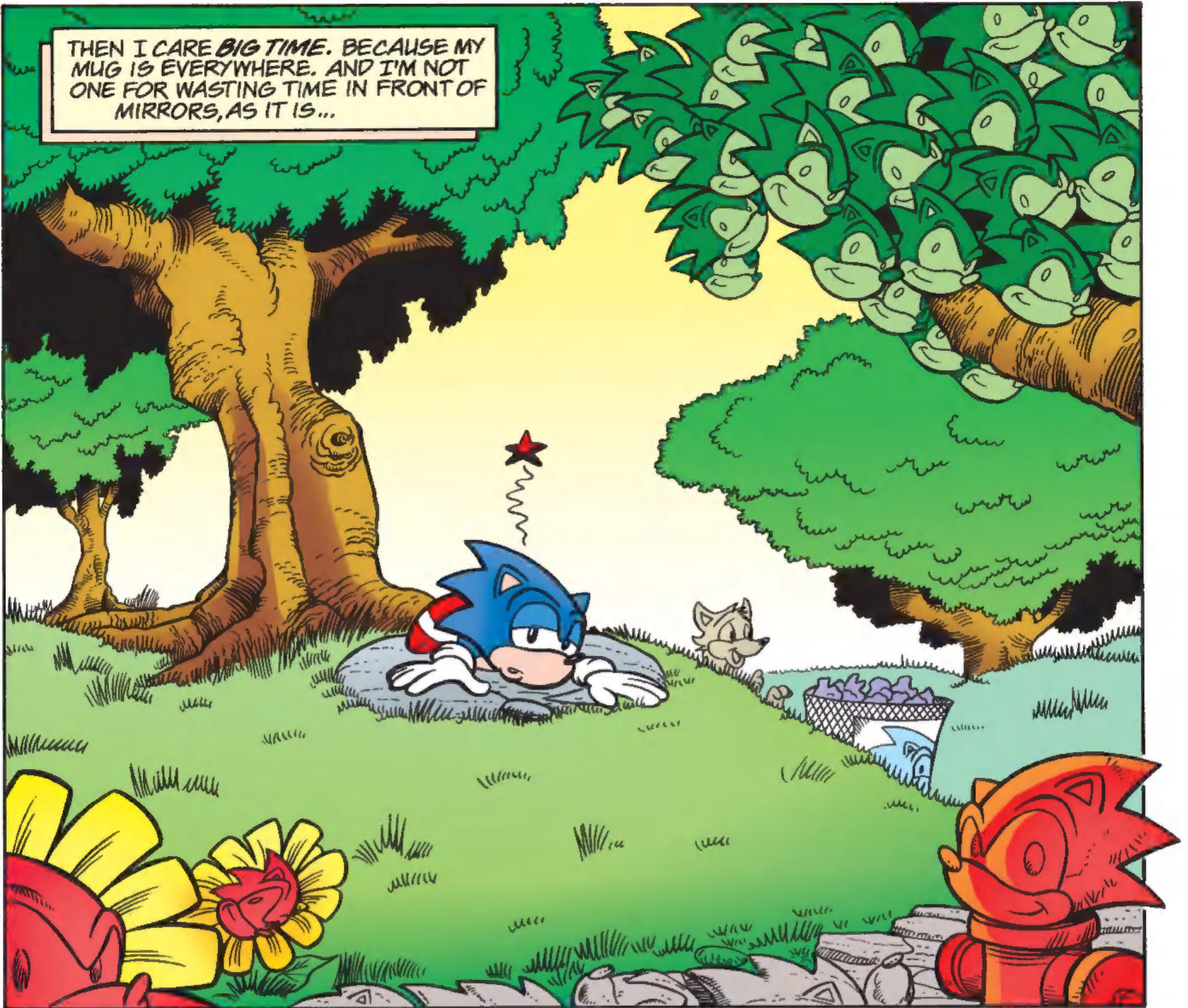


I'VE TAKEN THE PLUNGE-- I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M HEADED AND I DON'T CARE...

...UNTIL I HIT BOTTOM, THAT IS, THEN I CARE...



THEN I CARE *BIG TIME*. BECAUSE MY MUG IS EVERYWHERE. AND I'M NOT ONE FOR WASTING TIME IN FRONT OF MIRRORS, AS IT IS...



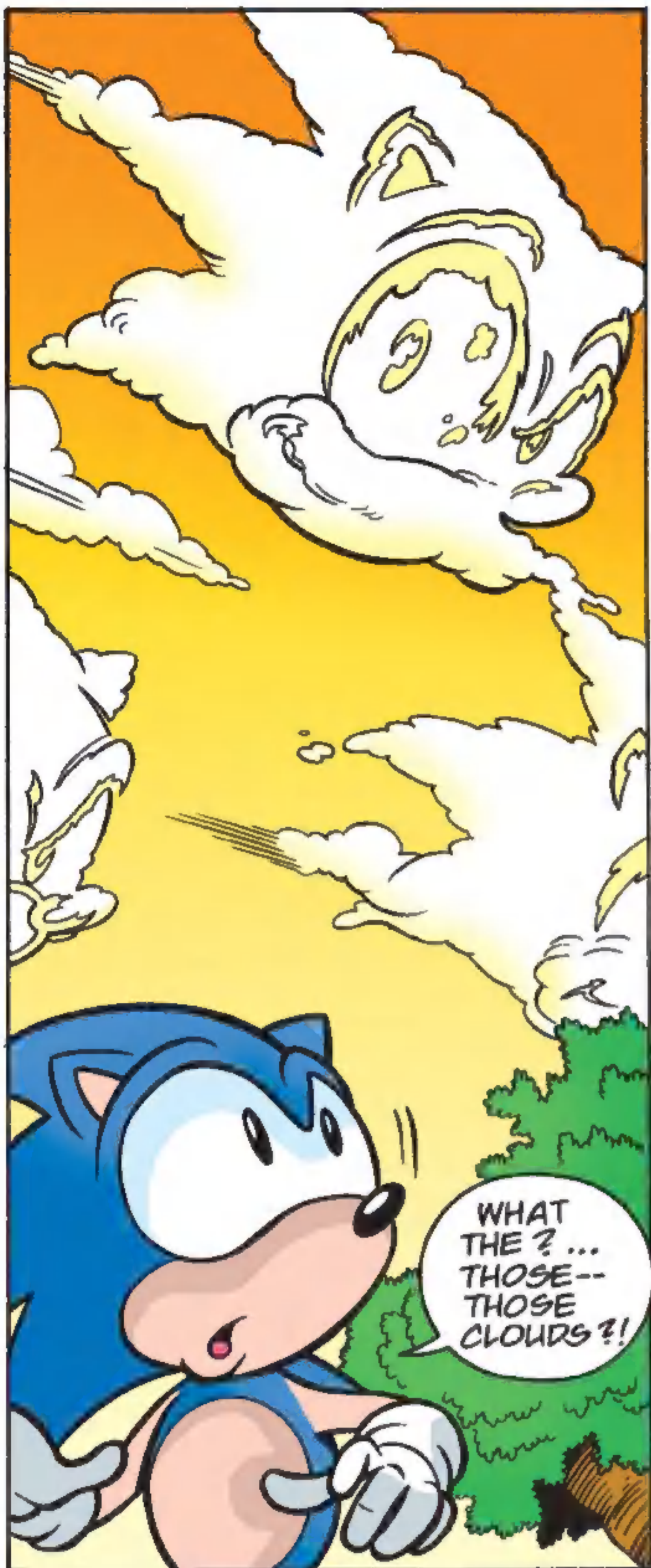
HEY, MISTAH-- YOU'RE NOT WEARING A T-SHIRT. YA' NEED A SONIC T-SHIRT. LET ME OUTFIT YA' WITH ONE. YA' GOTTA PAY HOMAGE TO OUR...



HE-HE-HERO!!! OH MY... I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT-- RIGHT HERE IN FRONT OF ME...

HEY, DUDE, CHILL--- I JUST...





WHAT THE ? ...
THOSE--
THOSE
CLOUDS ?!



WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE...WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE ?
TELL ME !
TELL ME !
**TELL
ME!!**

HEY...
SONIC, MAN...
RELAX... IT'S
JUST...
OMIGOSH, I
STILL CAN'T
BELIEVE IT'S
YOU...



YOU'RE FINALLY HERE, THE
PROPHECIES WERE *TRUE*--IT
WASN'T JUST LEGEND !

YOU ARE THE
HERO OF ALL HEROES--
TO BE CELEBRATED
ABOVE ALL !

ME ? ABOVE
ALL HEROES ? **GET
REAL**, THERE'S SO
MANY OTHERS MORE
WORTHY...

A *TRUE*
FREEDOM FIGHTER--
NOT JUST *HEROIC*,
BUT *MODEST* AS
WELL !

PLEASE, YOUR
BLUE BLURNESS,
MAY I BE
HONORED WITH
YOUR AUTOGRAPH,
SIR ? ...



LOOK,
STOP
GAPING AT
ME LIKE A
STAR-
STRUCK
TEENYBOPPER
FOR A
MOMENT AND
EXPLAIN
THIS TO
ME--

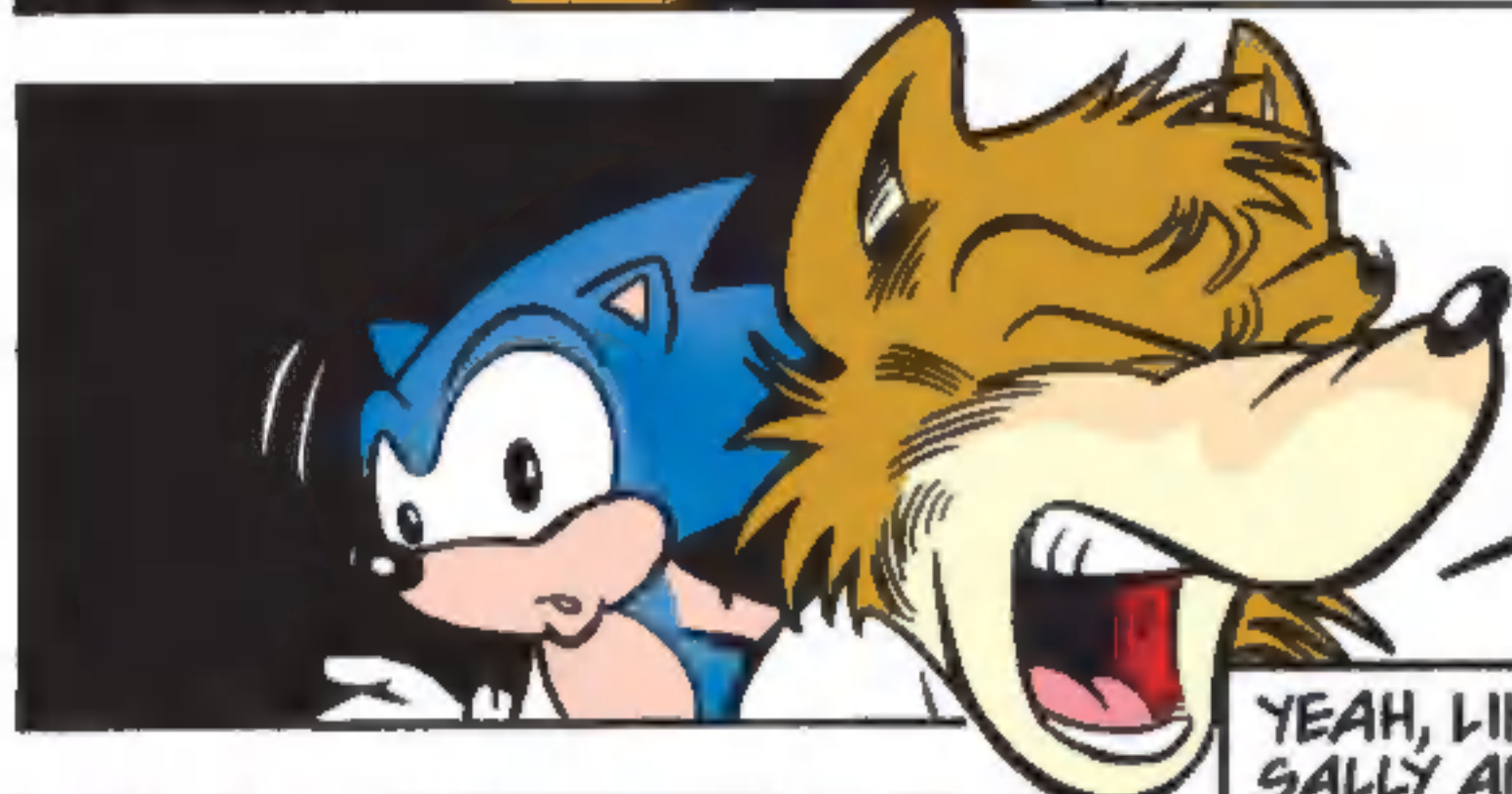
--I'VE
NEVER BEEN
HERE BEFORE.
HOW DO YOU
PEOPLE EVEN
KNOW ABOUT
ME ?



YOUR ADVENTURES, THEY'RE
LEGENDARY. THEY'VE ALL
BEEN *CHRONICLED*...

... BY THE
SONIC ADVENTURE
ARCHIVISTS !
STEP INSIDE.

CAN'T I JUST TAKE
THE CONSOLATION PRIZE
BEHIND DOOR NUMBER THREE ?



**SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG
IS HERE!!**

YOUR ROYAL HEROSHIP, SIR... WE'RE SO SORRY... WE WERE JUST SO ENGROSSED IN YOUR ADVENTURES ...AS ALWAYS.

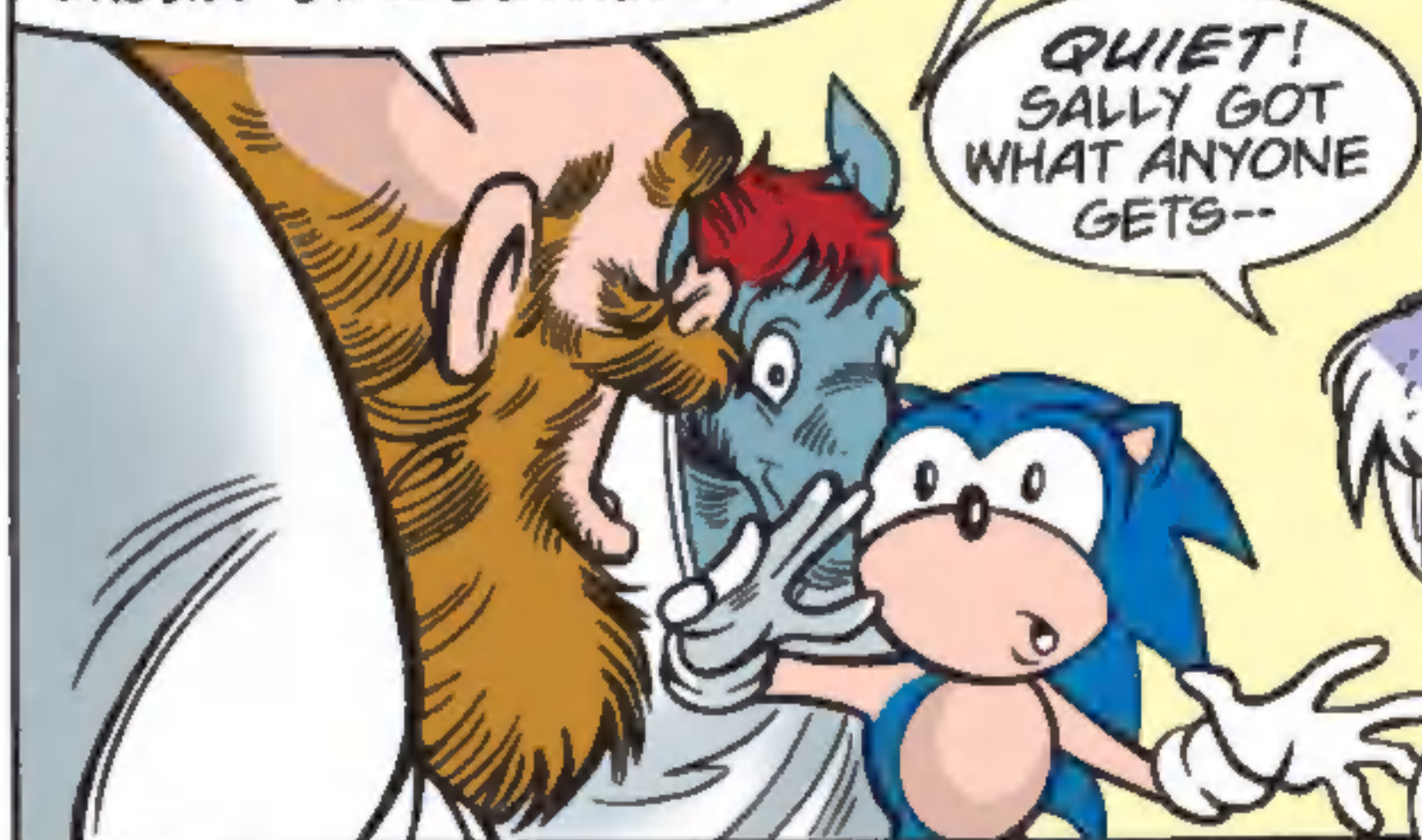
WE HAVE THEM ALL CATALOGUED, YOU KNOW. BUT WE CONSTANTLY REVIEW THEM TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NOTHING WE MISSED. THEY CAN GET PRETTY DEEP...



YEAH, YOU SHOULD HEAR OUR AFTERNOON TEA-TIME DISCUSSIONS. WE OFTEN DISAGREE ON THE MEANING OF YOUR ADVENTURES...

YEAH, LIKE WHY AREN'T YOU AND SALLY AN ITEM? YOU SHOULD BE TOGETHER, NOT APART. I DON'T LIKE IT! SONIC AND SALLY SHOULD BE TOGETHER!

I DON'T *BUY* THE BIT WHERE YOU REVIVED SALLY--SHE WOULD BE A STRONGER EMBLEM OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' CAUSE AS A MARTYR!



QUIET! SALLY GOT WHAT ANYONE GETS--

--SHE GOT A LIFETIME! ONLY HERS WAS EXTENDED!

BUT WE DO AGREE ON ONE THING: YOU'RE OUR HERO, NO MATTER WHAT! WE LOVE YOU! YOU CAN DO NO WRONG!



